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I'D MUCH rather be travelling to Villa Park in the Manchester United team coach than I would Arsenal's on Saturday.

'The Gunners' are going through a turbulent spell and defeats — like the 5-0 drubbing by North London rivals Spurs — can't have given them much confidence.

Form isn't something you can turn on and off so I believe it's important that a team goes into a vital game like this with a good run under its belt. That's where we score over Arsenal.

I just couldn't believe the Spurs result. Arsenal never used to suffer heavy defeats like that. They must have problems.

Having said that, the tie against Arsenal is the draw we didn't want. I was very disappointed when I heard it. They are going to be a very big stumbling block for us.

We have been tipped to make it to Wembley for the second time this season, but there's no way any team can be classed as favourites to beat Arsenal. They have too many good players.

United beat them convincingly in this season's Milk Cup Semi-Final and their pride will have been hurt by that defeat. They'll be determined to exact revenge.

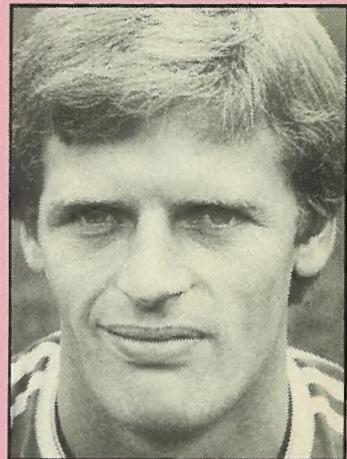
There's nothing worse than losing a cup semi-final, so the Arsenal players won't want to taste that bitter pill twice in a season. They are going to make life doubly difficult for us.

Arsenal's form this season in



FA Cup '83

Gordon
McQueen
says...



'ARSENAL MUST HAVE PROBLEMS'

the First Division has surprised me because there is so much talent in the side. It's brimming with international class players such as David O'Leary, Pat Jennings, Graham Rix and Tony Woodcock.

England striker Tony is a smashing player and has proved that he can score goals at the very highest level. He will pose a big threat to our FA Cup ambitions.

Cup semi-finals are always

very tense affairs and that's why I believe Kenny Sansom could prove to be a key player in the Arsenal side.

The England left-back doesn't seem to suffer from nerves. He always looks so composed and unhurried. He could be very dangerous down our right flank — especially if our own Steve Coppell fails to get fit in time.

There is a question mark over Arsenal's brilliant Eire defender David O'Leary. He suffered a recurrence of an ankle injury in the Easter Monday disaster at Tottenham and is fighting a battle against time.

United hope to have skipper Bryan Robson back in action. Obviously we have missed him. Any team that loses one of the best — if not the best — midfielder in Britain is bound to suffer from his absence.

But even if both teams are at full strength, the fans who turn up at Villa Park shouldn't expect the game to be a classic. Semi-finals never are. There is too much at stake.

I know all about FA Cup Semi-Finals. This will be my fifth and so far I've been on the winning side twice.

After the Milk Cup Final disappointment this season, it's fabulous to get another crack so soon. The thought first and foremost in our minds as we sat in the dressing room after the Final defeat by Liverpool was: "We'll be back".

It's not only for ourselves that we want to return. The fans gave us a great reception at Wembley

last month and we'd love to repay them by winning some silverware.

The lads were very down after the Liverpool game, but we had our backs against the wall from the time my defensive partner Kevin Moran hobbled off with a twisted ankle.

Soon afterwards I went down with cramp and spent the rest of the game hobbling around just trying to make a nuisance of myself. At one stage manager Ron Atkinson pushed me up front and brought striker Frank Stapleton into the back four.

After the game, a lot of people came up to me and congratulated me for carrying on even though I was in dreadful pain. That was very kind but it's no good being a hero if you end up a loser.

The only other time I've suffered such agonising cramp was during my debut for Leeds against Derby back in 1973 at the Baseball Ground.

And, like that time ten years ago, it wasn't lack of fitness which brought it on. It was sheer tension — I was so uptight.

If United do manage to get to Wembley again, I'm hoping to improve on my past record there. I've played for United in the great stadium three times and never come out a winner.

Still, before I can start thinking about that, we've got to sort out 'The Gunners.'

● Gordon McQueen was talking to Anthony Hawkswell.

FA CUP RECORDS

	Wins	Finals	Semi-Finals
ARSENAL	5	11	15
MAN UTD	4	8	15

ARSENAL v MAN UTD . . . VILLA

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FRONT COVER CAPTION:
Brighton's Jimmy Case — can
his goals halt the FA Cup run
of Sheffield Wednesday (inset).

Semi-Finals 'WE WANT REVENGE, UNITED'

I CAN'T put into words the feeling of joy after an FA Cup Semi-Final triumph.

It's an indescribable sensation deep down when the final whistle blows and you know you are on the glory road to Wembley.

I experienced that incredible moment in three successive years between 1978 and 1980 when we defeated Orient, Wolves and Liverpool.

And I want to taste those sweet fruits of success again this weekend.

You are simply carried away on a wave of euphoria and you don't have time to feel for the losers, despondently trudging back to the dressing rooms.

I have lost in two League Cup Semi-Finals, and that was a bitter enough pill to swallow.

But I can imagine that falling at the last hurdle before one of the world's greatest soccer showpieces is almost impossible to accept.

As the finalists walk out of that famous Wembley tunnel on Cup Final day in May in full view of a worldwide television audience, nobody ever remembers the beaten semi-finalists — or the fact that for some players it represented probably their last realistic chance of playing in a Final.

Fortunately, I have yet to taste the misery of defeat at this stage of the competition, and I hope I don't have to face it this weekend at Villa Park.

I remember when Tottenham defeated Leicester in last season's Semi-Final at Hillsborough.

We were on the way back from the Midlands after a First Division match when the Tottenham coach and some of their supporters went past.

Apart from the abuse we received, you could see the joy and ecstasy written all over the faces of everyone connected with the club, and it made me think about the tremendous build-up and razzamatazz that goes hand in hand with that great Wembley occasion.

For a change, we go into the Semi-Final as underdogs, and that suits us down to the ground.

The pressure will be on United, not just because they are favourites, but in the light of their Milk Cup Final defeat at Wembley last month.

The players will be extra keen to make certain that they don't finish the season without a trophy, but only time will tell whether that will affect their performance.

After our trouncing by United in the Milk Cup Semi-Finals, we would certainly have preferred



one of the other teams at this stage.

But we go into the showdown knowing we can't plunge to the depths we did in United's 4-2 first leg victory at Highbury when we literally handed them a Wembley place on a plate.

We were an absolute joke that night and, although we recovered some of our pride in the drawn second leg, the players were disgusted with their general attitude and approach for such an important occasion.

But, since then, our attitude has been far more positive, culminating in an improved set of results, a greater sense of determination to succeed, and United will find us far less charitable at Villa Park.

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- 'All the Way to Wembley' with Brighton — Page 8.
- Scottish Cup preview — Pages 16 and 17.

We are all aware of each other's capabilities and United will be treated with the utmost respect, right from Gary Bailey in goal to Steve Coppell in the number eleven shirt.

The midfield territory is where the game will be won or lost and so I shall have to play an important part in attempting to prevent United from getting a foothold like they did at Highbury.

Everyone keeps underlining the fact that United's chances rely on the return of England skipper Bryan Robson.

There is no doubt that United have missed his driving qualities in midfield but his replacement, Ray Wilkins, is no slouch.

He was the England captain at the start of the season and it's criminal to write him off. He may be giving United something different than Bryan provides.

The other key area is how we control the striking qualities of Frank Stapleton and Norman

-Graham Rix

Whiteside.

I'm sure the clash between old Arsenal favourite Frank and skipper David O'Leary — if he is fit — will be an enthralling duel.

I have stated before that I rate Frank as probably the best striker in the country. He's scoring goals, playing with bags of confidence, and is in the mood to win a match on his own.

He did it against Everton in the last minute in the Sixth Round, and popped in another last-ditch winner for Eire in Malta recently.

It has all the makings of a classic confrontation and I just hope the tension doesn't get to both teams enough to spoil the match as a spectacle.

I know when we defeated Wolves 2-0 in 1979 they admitted after the match that they froze.

It's an obvious danger to any team and we have a lot of young players in our side, but I'm confident they will put on a good show.

Stewart Robson, for instance, treats every game, even in training, like the World Cup Final, and I have no fears about him "freezing".

I keep telling young players like him and Chris Whyte that some of the great players never make it to a Wembley Cup Final, and here they are at 20 just ninety minutes away from one of the greatest moments of their lives.

Villa Park is generally a good hunting ground for us. I've played in three Semi-Finals there in the past five years, and haven't lost.

Graham Rix

● Graham Rix was talking to Melvyn Beck.

HOW THEY GOT THERE ARSENAL

THIRD ROUND: ARSENAL (1) 2 (Davis 4, Rix 84) BOLTON (0) 1 (Whatmore 89). Att: 22,576. Star man: Sunderland 8.

FOURTH ROUND: ARSENAL (0) 1 (Sunderland 63) LEEDS (0) 1 (Nicholas og 62). Att: 33,930. Star man: Robson 8.

FOURTH ROUND REPLAY: LEEDS (0) 1 (Butterworth 119) ARSENAL (0) 1 (Rix 120). After extra time. Att: 24,410. Star man: Rix 8.

FOURTH ROUND SECOND REPLAY: ARSENAL (0) 2 (Woodcock 54, Rix 82) LEEDS (0) 1 (Connor 70). Att: 26,802. Star man: Rix 8.

FIFTH ROUND: MIDDLESBROUGH (0) 1 (Otto 89) ARSENAL (0) 1 (Rix 49). Att: 20,586. Star Man: Rix 9.

FIFTH ROUND REPLAY: ARSENAL (2) 3 (Woodcock 7, Davis 14, Talbot 60) MIDDLESBROUGH (1) 2 (Shearer 27, 75). Att: 26,689. Star man: Rix 8.

SIXTH ROUND: ARSENAL (2) 2 (Woodcock 32, Petrovic 35) ASTON VILLA (0) 0. Att: 41,774. Star man: Woodcock 9.

**Goals for: 12.
Leading scorer: Rix 4.
Goals against: 7.**



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PARK . . . SATURDAY, APRIL 16 . . .

I'M hoping that Saturday's game against Brighton will prove to be the third time lucky for me.

As an Everton player, I reached the Semi-Final stage of the competition twice, but finished up on the losing side on both occasions.

The first was in 1977 when, after drawing 2-2 with Merseyside rivals Liverpool, we lost 3-0 in the replay.

And again three years later, we fell at the final hurdle and lost 2-1 to the eventual winners West Ham — also after a replay.

Although I've played at Wembley in a League Cup Final — against Aston Villa in 1977 — I have never reached the Final of the FA Cup.

The Semi-Final defeats must go down as the two biggest disappointments of my career, but I'm hoping to forget them by going all the way with Wednesday.

When I came to Hillsborough at the start of the season, I never dreamed that I would be in with a chance of playing at Wembley.

It's very exciting for me and the game against Brighton will be the biggest I have played in for some time.

When we started the season, the priority was to get back in the First Division, but we seem to have lost our way a little in the promotion battle.

We haven't given up hope yet, but if we do fail to go up, success in the FA Cup would go a long way towards making up for the disappointment.

Our form of late has not been too impressive, but we are hoping to get it right for the Semi-Final.

It's going to be a very tough game, and undoubtedly our hardest in the competition so far.

Although Brighton are struggling in the First Division at the moment, they seem to be able to raise their game when it matters . . . they showed that when they beat Liverpool at Anfield.

But we also have the players who can lift themselves for the

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BRIGHTON	0	0	0



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Mike
Lyons
says

'WEDNESDAY FANS WILL LIFT US'



Torquay and Cambridge by the odd goal before meeting fellow Second Division side Burnley in the Quarter-Final.

After drawing 1-1 at Turf Moor, we took them back to Hillsborough and beat them 5-0 with what was probably our best performance of the season.

There was a tremendous atmosphere — 42,000 turned up for the game — and that obviously helped us a great deal.

And I think the crowd will be a major factor when we meet Brighton at Highbury. We will have a massive following on the day and I'm sure our fans will outnumber those of the opposition.

The Wednesday supporters have been amazing this year and deserve success . . . hopefully we can repay their faith by going to Wembley.

HOW THEY GOT THERE SHEFF WED

THIRD ROUND:

SOUTHEND (0) 0 SHEFF. WED. (0) 0. Att: 6,973. Star man: Bolder 8.

THIRD ROUND REPLAY:

SHEFF. WED. (1) 2 (Smith 37, Megson 97) SOUTHEND (1) 2 (Mercer 17, Pountney 108). After extra time. Att: 11,093. Star man: Shelton 8.

THIRD ROUND SECOND REPLAY:

SHEFF. WED. (1) 2 (Keeley og 14, Taylor pen 58). SOUTHEND (0) 1 (Cusack pen 78). Att: 10,767. Star man: Sterland 8.

FOURTH ROUND:

TORQUAY (1) 2 (Hughes 28, Bishop 74). SHEFF. WED. (1) 3 (Lyons 1, Sterland 57, Megson 82). Att: 7,823. Star man: Megson 8.

FIFTH ROUND:

CAMBRIDGE (0) 1 (Turner 74). SHEFF. WED. (1) 2 (Megson 38, 73). Att: 10,834. Star man: Megson 8.

SIXTH ROUND:

BURNLEY (0) 1 (Cassidy 46) SHEFF. WED. (1) 1 (Bannister 37). Att: 24,000. Star man: Bolder 8.

SIXTH ROUND REPLAY:

SHEFF. WED. (3) 5 (Shelton 17, 27, Megson pen 40, McCulloch 57, 85) BURNLEY (0) 0. Att: 41,731. Star man: Shirtliff 9.

Goals for: 15

Leading scorer: Megson 5
Goals against: 7

big occasion, so it looks like being a close game.

I think the Brighton players probably heaved a sigh of relief when they heard the draw because it kept them away from the two 'big guns', Manchester United and Arsenal.

But at the same time, we were also quite happy with the draw.

Brighton are the first Division One side we have met in the competition so far. In previous rounds we have played sides below us in the League, but none of them have been easy.

We had quite a struggle against Southend in the Third Round when the tie went to two replays.

We then went on to beat

WEDNESDAY'S CUP DETAILS

Since their last Wembley appearance in 1966.

1966-67: Sixth Round: lost 1-0 at Chelsea.

1967-68: Fifth Round: lost 2-0 at Chelsea*.

1968-69: Fourth Round: lost 2-1 at Birmingham*.

1969-70: Fourth Round: lost 2-1 at home to Scunthorpe.

1970-71: Third Round: lost 4-1 at Tottenham.

1971-72: Third Round: lost 3-0 at Sunderland.

1972-73: Fifth Round: lost 2-1 at home to Chelsea.

1973-74: Third Round: lost 3-1 at Coventry*.

1974-75: Third Round: lost 3-2 at Chelsea.

1975-76: Third Round: lost 2-1 at Charlton.

1976-77: Second Round: lost 1-0 at Darlington.

1977-78: Second Round: lost 1-0 at Wigan.

1978-79: Third Round: lost 2-0 to Arsenal*.

1979-80: Second Round: lost 3-0 at Carlisle.

1980-81: Third Round: lost 2-1 at Newcastle.

1981-82: Third Round: lost 3-1 at Coventry.

* Denotes after a replay, although in the case of the Arsenal match in 1978-79 there were three replays.

SHEFF WED v BRIGHTON . . .

Semi-Finals

'WHY WE CAN ROCK BRIGHTON'

David Mills says

If we play to our full potential, I think we can cause an upset on Saturday.

Although we go into the Semi-Final clash as underdogs, we are quietly confident we can turn the tables and rock Brighton.

Below: Brighton's Mike Robinson — a danger to Wednesday.



Manager Jack Charlton will make sure that the preparations for the big game are just right and then it's up to us.

We have got to make sure that we don't freeze on the day and that we go out and play as we know we can.

If every player gives 100 per cent and we lose, at least we can come off the pitch and say we did our best.

We are under no illusions about the difficulty of the task facing us... after all Brighton are a competent, First Division side.

They may be struggling at the foot of the table, but League form will count for nothing on the day. Anything can happen in a one-off situation.

Brighton have already beaten some good sides to reach this



Above: David Mills (8) and Gary Megson congratulate Gary Bannister (9) after he had given Wednesday the lead against Burnley in the Sixth Round.

stage of the competition, including the favourites Liverpool, so we know we're in for a real battle.

They have quite a few quality players and some who have played in the First Division for a number of years.

Jimmy Case has seen it all before in his days with Liverpool, and his experience could prove invaluable on Saturday.

Another player we will have to watch very closely is big Mike Robinson. He is strong and very quick, and is likely to score goals at any time.

But if we can contain the likes of Robinson and Case, then I think we are in with a chance because we have the players who can turn a game.

Gary Bannister went through a

lean spell and his confidence suffered, but now he seems to be running into form and finding the back of the net again.

Another player who could prove to be very effective against Brighton is full-back Mel Sterland.

He has impressed me a great deal and he is very dangerous when he's going forward.

There are quite a few youngsters in our side and it will be up to the more experienced players, like myself and Mike Lyons, to help them as much as we can on the day.

From a personal point of view, it's the most important game of my career... and probably the last chance I will get to play at Wembley.

I have played in two FA Cup Quarter-Finals before with Middlesbrough, but lost on both occasions so I'm entering new territory.

It was very disappointing losing out at the Quarter-Final stage, but I was still only young and felt another opportunity would arise.

Now that's happened, I realise there may not be many more ahead of me and I'm determined to make the most of this one.

It's difficult to believe that I'm just 90 minutes away from Wembley when just two months ago I was languishing in the reserves at West Brom.

What has happened to me typifies the way football can treat you. One minute you're down and out, and the next you're up in the air.

● 'All the Way to Wembley with Brighton' — see Page 8.



HOW THEY GOT THERE BRIGHTON

THIRD ROUND:

BRIGHTON (0) 1 (Ritchie 56)
NEWCASTLE (0) 1 (McDermott 72). Att: 17,711. Star man: Stille 9.

THIRD ROUND REPLAY:
NEWCASTLE (0) 0 BRIGHTON (0) 1 (Ward 62). Att: 32,134. Star man: Case 8.

FOURTH ROUND:

BRIGHTON (2) 4 (Case 7,
Smillie 36, Robinson 70, 89)
MAN. CITY (0) 0. Att: 16,804.

FIFTH ROUND:

LIVERPOOL (0) 1 (Johnston 70)
BRIGHTON (1) 2 (Ryan 33,
Case 71). Att: 44,868. Star man: Robinson 9.

SIXTH ROUND: BRIGHTON (0) 1 (Case 67) NORWICH (0) 0.
Att: 28,800. Star man: Foster 9.

Goals for: 9
Leading scorer: Case 3
Goals against: 2

Highbury... Saturday April 16

Barrow-boy Bruce

MOTHERWELL'S Bruce Clelland, second top scorer in the Scottish First Division last season, has joined Alliance Premier side Barrow for an undisclosed fee.

The 24-year-old forward, who cost Motherwell £65,000 from Albion three seasons ago, says he decided to move because he and new manager Jock Wallace 'didn't see eye to eye'.

"Although I had some good offers, the best came from Barrow," he says.

Another recent addition to the Barrow squad is former Blackburn and Bury utility player Paul Round.

TEMPORARY TRANSFERS

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PRIZE GUYS

THE thrill of a lifetime — that was the prize for four young fans who won a day with Kevin Keegan in a Match Weekly competition.

The boys — Shaun Clarke of Bristol, Nigel Staples from Abingdon, Tony Caine from Ellesmere Port (all aged 12), and 11-year-old Peter Knight — met Kevin after being picked out as the most successful entrants in a competition asking readers to predict the 1982 World Cup semi-finalists.

Newcastle's brightest star turned on the Geordie charm, laughing and chatting with them over lunch at the City's Gosforth Park Hotel, and cracking jokes as he signed scores of autographs for families and friends.

And he told them he plans to stay with Newcastle. "I'd love to stay another season and help the club into the First Division. After that I'll go to America. That's my plan at the moment," revealed Kevin.

As an added surprise, the boys received Mitre footballs and Subbuteo games which were presented to them by Kevin on behalf of Match Weekly.

Nigel summed up the feeling of his new friends when he said: "It was a day we'll never forget. It was terrific talking to Kevin — he's great. We'll always be thankful to Match Weekly."



Kevin Keegan meets Match Weekly readers (left to right): Tony Caine, Nigel Staples, Shaun Clarke and Peter Knight.

£100 A GOAL

COLIN Robinson's first League goal cost Shrewsbury £100!

And that's what they'll have to pay local non-League club Mile Oak Rovers every time he scores this season.

But Shrewsbury didn't mind on this occasion, for his last-minute effort rescued them from defeat at home to relegation-threatened Derby.

IT looks like the end of the international road for Leicester loanee Gerry Daly. He was left out of the Eire squad for the European Championship game in Malta — the first time he had been omitted since making his debut ten years ago.

SUBBUTEO WELSH CLIMAX

LIVERPOOL, Bayern Munich, Real Madrid, Manchester United and Brazil are just a few of the teams competing at the National Centre for Sport in Cardiff on Saturday, April 23.

But don't go along expecting the autographs of Bryan Robson, Karl-Heinz Rummenigge and Zico, although you will meet some equally famous exponents of the fast moving game of Subbuteo.

The competitors in the Match Weekly/Subbuteo Welsh National Finals will be using their own favourite team of Subbuteo men in a bid for glory.

Sixteen youngsters will be battling it out for places in the Welsh team for the Home International Subbuteo Championships, to be held at Butlins, Filey, on May 28-30.

The winner of both the junior and senior championships will represent Wales.

And Mike Thomas, the National Organiser for Wales, believes they have a good chance of winning the Home Internationals.

"The standard of Subbuteo has improved dramatically over the past year," he said.

Favourite for the senior title is Cardiff's Simon Gold. He won the 1981 Junior Championship and last year reached the Quarter-Finals of the World Cup in Spain.

The Junior finalists are: Cayne Matthews (from Mold), Steve Hughes (Rhyl), Brian Hall (Wrexham), Michael Hill (Cardiff), Robert Thomas (Cardiff), Terry Walker (Wrexham), Simon Bigmore (Cardiff), and Stuart Osborne (Maesteg).

Senior competitors: Paul Amodeo (Cardiff), Nigel Jones (Pentre), David Sullivan (Maesteg), Simon Gold (Cardiff), Nicos Samothrakis (Llantrisant), Michael Williams (Port Talbot), David Nicholas (Swansea), Hamish A'Court (Cardiff).

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MAN OF THE YEAR

HERE'S your last chance to vote for the 1983 Match Weekly 'Man of the Year'.

We are looking for the man to follow in the footsteps of Aston Villa's Gary Shaw and Tottenham's Glenn Hoddle.

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GORDON SEEKS A SLICE OF HISTORY . . .

SHEFFIELD Wednesday stand between Brighton's Gordon Smith and a place in soccer history.

Victory for the 'Seagulls' could see him become the first player to figure in Scottish and English Cup Finals in the same season.

And 27-year-old Gordon, who collected a Scottish League Cup losers' medal with Rangers in December, is confident Wednesday won't wreck his chances.

"Since our Third Round victory over Newcastle, people have been saying that it's our year for the Cup and, after our Fifth Round win at Liverpool, who is going to argue with that?" he says.

"On paper, Sheffield Wednesday are the least formidable side we have faced in the competition so far, but we all know that the form book can be thrown out of the window at this stage.

"From what I have seen on television, Wednesday are a good side, capable of scoring goals and we know we'll have to play on the top of our form to win.

"Having beaten teams like Manchester City, Norwich, Newcastle and Liverpool, there would be a feeling of total despair if we were to fall at the final hurdle before Wembley against a Second Division team.

"We are confident. Everyone wants to play in a Cup Final and that's our spur, but we will not go out expecting to win.

"It's going to be the hardest game of our lives and, if we can win the day, then I believe we can go on and lift the Cup.

"Looking around our dressing room, we have enough ability and experience to produce the goods at Wembley.

"I've played in six Cup Finals in Scotland, but none would compare with playing at Wembley in one of soccer's big occasions."

Gordon's unique situation stems from a loan period with his former club, Rangers, over Christmas.

With his Brighton future in the melting pot, he went on loan to the Glasgow giants and was immediately plunged into an 'Auld Firm' Final which Celtic won 2-1.

But things didn't work out at Rangers the second time around. "I don't think Rangers ever had any intention of re-signing me," he says. "They just wanted my experience for that Final against Celtic.

"I was played out of position and I never received the kind of treatment one would expect from them."

But while Gordon's future appeared to be at the crossroads, Jimmy Melia took over affairs at The Goldstone from Mike Bailey, and now the Scot is glad to be back on the South Coast.

"I always seemed to be the scapegoat for Mike Bailey. I only really got the chance when Mike Thomas didn't play," he says.

"It seemed only a matter of time before he got rid of me because I just couldn't fit into his system.

"But I knew that with Jimmy in charge, it



ALL THE WAY TO WEMBLEY

THE 'Seagulls' of Brighton have taken a flier in the FA Cup and 'Match Weekly' is right on their tail.

Following their defeat of Norwich in the Quarter-Finals, Brighton are now our adopted team in our 'All The Way To Wembley' series.

'Match' looks ahead to the next hurdle in their bid to lift the coveted trophy for the first time, through the eyes of one player with a special reason to shine.

■ THE only player to achieve major honours in Scotland and England in the same season was Jimmy Bone back in 1971-72.

After helping Partick Thistle defeat Celtic in the Scottish League Cup Final, he was transferred to Norwich where he played in their Division Two Championship team.

There have been eight players since the war who have won FA Cup medals in Scotland and England but in different seasons.

- Dave Mackay — Hearts (1955-56) and Tottenham (1960-61, 1961-62).
- Willie Stevenson — Rangers (1959-60) and Liverpool (1964-65).
- Alex Scott — Rangers (1959-60) and Everton (1965-66).
- Ronnie Simpson — Newcastle (1951-52, 1954-55) and Celtic (1965-66, 1966-67, 1967-68).
- Alex Young — Hearts (1955-56) and Everton (1965-66).
- Pat Crerand — Celtic (1960-61) and Man. United (1962-63).
- Martin Buchan — Aberdeen (1969-70) and Man. United (1976-77).
- Lou Macari — Celtic (1971-72) and Man. United (1976-77).

wouldn't be the end of the world to return to Brighton.

"I knew I would get a fair crack of the whip and that he would adopt an attacking style which I enjoy.

"He welcomed me back and told me that if I was playing well, I would be in the team. No footballer can ask for more."

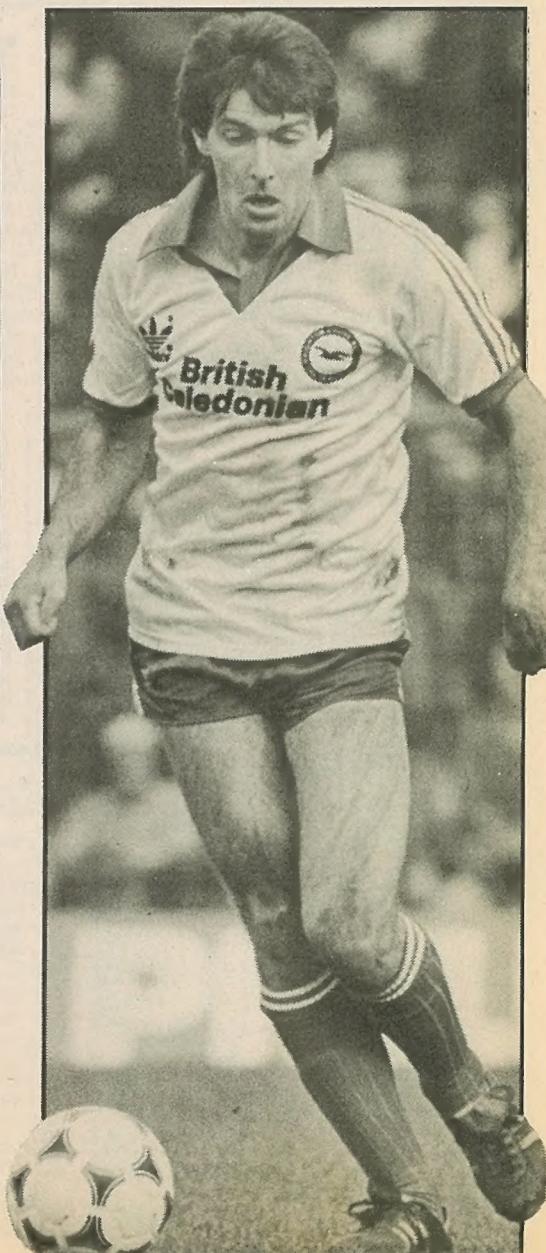
Now Gordon, who played in Brighton's Cup triumphs over Manchester City and Norwich, is looking for the club to achieve the 'double' — a place at Wembley and a place in the First Division next season.

"Every game is like a Cup Final to us because of our position near the bottom of the table.

"I know it may sound strange when you look at our position, but we have been playing well in recent weeks.

"I believe we can escape the drop and I know we have the players here who can do it."

Right: Brighton's Gordon Smith — hoping to make soccer history.



GOALKEEPER Tony Godden can finally see some light at the end of long, dark tunnel... for the first time in eighteen months.

And the thunderous roar of the daily motorway journey from West Bromwich to his new on-loan club Luton Town is sweet music to the man who has everything to play for.

Tony knows that impressive performances during the remainder of the season could well see him with a permanent position at Kenilworth Road, or perhaps even Old Trafford.

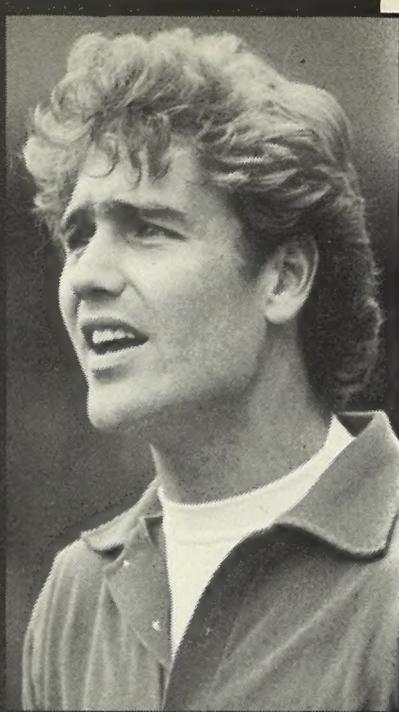
Says Tony: "I'm on loan until the end of the season with a view to making the move permanent if everything works out both ways."

"But it's not only that. I'm back in the First Division and everyone knows that I'm up for offer. It gives me a chance to prove myself and clear up any doubts about me — that's if there ever were doubts."

"I've been out of the limelight for about eighteen months now, so there might have been a few 'ifs and buts'. It gives me a chance to go out and show that I'm still one of the top 'keepers in the country."

"I'm back in the newspapers and people can see what I'm made of again."

Godden's opportunity came when Luton's regular goalkeeper Jake Findlay suffered a severe broken thumb, which keeps him sidelined until the end of the season.



Tony Godden — chance to prove himself again.

MY LUTON LIFELINE

— TONY GODDEN

And it was former England number one Gordon Banks who recommended Tony to Luton boss David Pleat. "That's a great recommendation for any goalkeeper," says Tony. "David Pleat told me that he'd asked around and all he'd heard were good reports about me from knowledgeable people inside the game and Gordon was one of them. Now it's up to me to pull out all the stops."

"I think the manager plumped for me because of my vast experience. I've played over 300 First Division games and appeared in Quarter-Finals and Semi-Finals of the UEFA Cup."

"But at 26, I'm lucky enough to be at an age where people can look at me in a long-term sense."

"I definitely want to leave West Bromwich. I want a fresh mountain to climb. And there is still a chance of my joining Manchester United. That move isn't dead yet."

Tony, who was dropped from the side in favour of new signing Paul Barron when Albion played Manchester United on January 3,

found out afterwards that Ron Atkinson had been in for him.

"Both clubs needed goalkeeper cover," explains Tony. "Albion couldn't let me go because Mark Grew was injured but Ron Atkinson had an agreement with Ron Wylie that I would be going to Old Trafford when Mark was fit."

"Both teams progressed in the FA Cup however, and Mark Grew was still unfit, so Ron Atkinson signed Jeff Wealands from Birmingham City. Jeff's only on loan until the end of the season though, and my name could easily crop up again then."

"Meanwhile I'm happy playing with Luton. When I first went there, I was surprised by the atmosphere. With relegation a fringe possibility, I expected the lads to be a little apprehensive."

"But they were in a great frame of mind — very cheerful and chirpy."

"I'm hoping that maybe I can help to stabilise things and then we can pick up the points to stay clear of relegation and start afresh next season."

"Believe me, the players are there to do it."

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WEEKLY

NEARLY ten years after it is alleged to have happened, the Argentina FA has decided to set up an inquiry into the claims from their former World Cup star Wolff that Poland were bribed to lose to Italy in 1974 to ensure the South Americans a safe passage through to the next round.

SPAIN and Real Sociedad goalkeeper Luis Arconada ended a run of 206 consecutive games stretching back to October 1979 when he missed the match at Pamplona through injury.

YUGOSLAVIAN international Jurica Jerkovic has been chosen by his team-mates to take over the captaincy of Swiss club Zurich.

THE 1978 Argentina World Cup star Leopoldo Luque has signed a six-month contract with Pele's former Brazilian club Santos.

The striker has been out of top grade football since returning from Mexico last year.



Spain's Gordillo — one of the 'few' good players in the country, claims Diego Maradona.

Cosmos are star gazing

COSMOS are preparing a multi-million dollar swoop for brilliant Brazilian midfielder Falcao.

The New York club are reportedly ready to pay up to £1.8 million for the Roma star who excelled in last summer's World Cup Finals.

An American spokesman said: "Falcao is a superstar and just the right kind of man to rekindle the massive enthusiasm for football over here."

★ ★ ★ ★

POLISH World Cup star Zbigniew Boniek could be on his way to join up with Karl-Heinz Rummenigge at Bayern Munich this summer.

The Germans are very keen to sign the unsettled Juventus star but Boniek himself would only say:

"I'll tell you something I like in Italy for a change — the food! But I miss my friends in Poland and my wife misses her shops."

★ ★ ★ ★

ITALY's silver-haired striking star Roberto Bettega is set to join Toronto Blizzard at the end of the season.

The Juventus left winger has already been house-hunting with his wife and is said to be considering a five-year contract worth around £100,000 a year.

UNITED IN TOP TEN

MANCHESTER United are sixth in a table of average attendances in Europe over the past year.

Despite all their troubles, Barcelona lead the way with a remarkable average gate of 102,114.

The top ten: 1 Barcelona 102,114; 2 Real Madrid 68,377; 3 AS Roma 54,182; 4 Napoli 52,504; 5 AC Milan 45,720; 6 Manchester United 44,916; 7 Fiorentina 41,445; 8 Inter Milan 41,370; 9 Juventus 40,864; 10 Atletico Madrid 38,915.

PETER Barnes' luck in Spain may be changing for the better.

Following his team Seville's brilliant 5-1 win over League leaders Atletico Bilbao — in which he came on as substitute and scored — he looks to have made a hit with the fans.

It is the second time this season he has played a scoring substitute's role.

HOW THEY STAND IN EUROPE

ITALY

DIVISION ONE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Roma	24	13	8	3	37	20	34
Juventus	24	11	9	4	34	17	31
Verona	24	10	10	4	31	24	30
Inter Milan	24	8	12	4	30	19	28
Torino	24	8	11	5	25	16	27
Fiorentina	24	9	8	7	29	21	26
Sampdoria	24	7	11	6	21	22	25
Udinese	24	4	17	3	18	21	25
Genoa	24	6	11	7	27	28	23
Avellino	24	6	10	8	23	29	22
Cagliari	24	5	12	7	19	26	22
Pisa	24	6	8	10	23	26	20
Ascoli	24	6	8	10	25	29	20
Naples	24	4	12	8	18	27	20
Cesena	24	3	12	9	17	28	18
Catanzaro	24	2	9	13	18	42	13

Leading scorers: Altobelli (Inter Milan) 13; Penzo (Verona) 12; Platini (Juventus) 9.

TOP OF DIVISION TWO

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
AC Milan	26	13	11	3	53	24	37
Lazio	26	9	12	3	31	16	34
Cavesa	26	9	14	4	24	20	31

Leading scorers: Giordano (Lazio) 13; Jordan (AC Milan) 10; Damiani (AC Milan), Vincenzi (Pistoiese) 9.

W. GERMANY

DIVISION ONE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hamburg	25	14	9	2	58	24	37
Bayern Munich	25	14	7	4	58	20	35
B. Dortmund	25	15	4	6	60	36	34
Stuttgart	23	14	5	4	55	29	33
Werder Bremen	23	13	5	5	43	28	31
FC Cologne	24	12	7	5	49	28	31
Kaiserslautern	24	9	10	5	35	33	28
Nuremberg	24	9	5	10	31	46	23
Frankfurt	25	10	3	12	35	33	23
Brunswick	24	7	7	10	27	38	21
Bielefeld	24	8	5	11	34	52	21
Bochum	24	6	8	10	26	33	20
Dusseldorf	25	6	8	11	39	60	20
Leverkusen	24	6	12	6	26	48	18
B. Gladbach	24	7	2	15	38	46	16
Hertha Berlin	24	4	8	12	31	43	16
Karlsruhe	24	4	6	14	30	59	14
Schalke 04	23	4	5	14	31	50	13

Leading scorers: Rummennigge (Bayern) 17; Burgsmüller (Dortmund), Voller (Bremen), Allgower (Stuttgart) 14.

SPAIN

DIVISION ONE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Real Madrid	29	17	9	3	49	21	43
At. Bilbao	29	18	6	5	57	31	42
Barcelona	29	15	10	4	49	21	40
At. Madrid	29	15	6	8	43	34	36
Saragossa	29	14	6	9	49	32	34
Seville FC	29	12	10	7	34	26	34
Real Sociedad	29	10	12	7	26	22	32
Gijon	29	8	14	7	25	24	30
Espanol	29	11	6	12	38	38	28
Betis	29	8	11	10	35	35	27
Malaga	29	9	9	11	32	37	27
Salamanca	29	9	8	12	26	38	26
Las Palmas	29	6	11	2	28	37	23
Valladolid	29	6	10	13	26	44	22
Osasuna	29	7	6	16	30	47	20
Celta	29	7	6	16	20	44	20
Valencia	29	6	7	17	34	50	19
Santander	29	7	5	17	35	55	19

Leading scorers: Amarilla (Saragossa), Rincon (Real Betis) 16; Valdano (Saragossa), Szabia (At. Bilbao) 14.

HOLLAND

DIVISION ONE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Ajax	26	19	5	2	75	26	43
Feyenoord	26	18	7	1	57	28	43
PSV Eindhoven	26	16	8	2	63	25	40
Groningen	26	8	13	5	47	37	29
Sparta	26	9	10	7	47	38	28
Haarlem	26	10	7	9	27	34	27
Excelsior	26	10	6	10	33	31	26
Sittard	26	9	8	9	30	32	26
AZ 67	25	10	5	10	36	25	25
Utrecht	26	9	7	10	39	42	25
Roda	25	9	7	9	41	39	25
Helmond Sp.	26	8	7	11	36	49	23
PEC Zwolle	26	6	7	13	33	45	19
Go Ahead	26	5	9	12	30	51	19
Twente	26	4	10	12	24	42	18
Willem II	26	5	7	14	31	43	17
NEC Nijmegen	26	3	11	12	23	48	17
NAC Breda	26	4	8	14	22	59	16

Leading scorers: Houthof (Feyenoord) 22; Hoolhof (PSV) 20; Thorensen (PSV), Vanenburg (Ajax) 15.



Hans Peter Briegel — being watched by AC Milan.

SUPER DONS HEAD FOR SHOWDOWN WITH MADRID

ABERDEEN are set for a showdown with Spanish giants Real Madrid in the Final of the European Cup Winners' Cup.

On the same night the 'Dons' thrashed Belgian side Waterschei 5-1 at Pittodrie, Real earned a 2-2 draw at the home of Austria Vienna.

Real must be favourites to beat Vienna in Spain in the return leg and it would take a catastrophe for Aberdeen to surrender their four-goal lead in Belgium.

Indeed, following the result in Scotland, the Waterschei coach, Ernst Kunnecke, admitted: "The game is finished and Aberdeen will be in the Final. We must be realistic."

"All we can hope for now is a win in the second leg so that we can go out with some pride left."

Aberdeen, Britain's sole survivors in Europe, began sensationally by going two goals up inside four minutes in their Semi-Final first leg — Eric Black and Neil Simpson on target.

And two more in a two-minute

second-half burst from Mark McGhee and Peter Weir sealed Waterschei's fate.

The part-timers did pull one back through Iceland international Gudmansson but McGhee made it a night to remember for the 24,000 capacity crowd by adding a fifth for Aberdeen a few minutes from time.

'Dons' boss Alex Ferguson couldn't have asked for more, and he says: "We have had some good performances in the competition, but to win 5-1 in the Semi-Final has to be our best so far."

"Tonight showed the experience we picked up when we were hammered 5-0 by Liverpool in the European Cup two years ago and defeated 5-4 by Hamburg in the UEFA Cup last season."

"They were really disappointing performances because we threw both games away, but we learned from them and it showed tonight and eventually we got a great result. 'Quite honestly, we would

Aberdeen's record in Europe

Season	Competition	Progress	Opponents	Score
1967/68	Cup Winners' Cup	2nd Rnd	Standard Liege	2-3
1968/69	Fairs Cup	2nd Rnd	Real Zaragoza	2-4
1970/71	Cup Winners' Cup	1st Rnd	Honved	4-4*
1971/72	UEFA Cup	2nd Rnd	Juventus	1-3
1972/73	UEFA Cup	1st Rnd	Borussia M	5-9
1973/74	UEFA Cup	2nd Rnd	Spurs	2-5
1977-78	UEFA Cup	1st Rnd	RWD Molenbeek	1-2
1978/79	Cup Winners' Cup	2nd Rnd	Fortuna Dusseldorf	2-3
1979/80	UEFA Cup	1st Rnd	Eintracht F	1-2
1980/81	European Cup	2nd Rnd	Liverpool	0-5
1981/82	UEFA Cup	3rd Rnd	SV Hamburg	4-5

*Lost on away goals.

against Celtic would have made a classic Final.

"Obviously we'd have preferred either Rangers or St Mirren but we've just got to knuckle down and get on with the job. We are confident against any team nowadays."

On their way to their Scottish Cup win last season, Aberdeen beat Celtic 1-0 in the Fourth Round in front of a packed Pittodrie and the goalscorer hero was striker John Hewitt.

This season the two sides have met three times in top of the Premier Division clashes and Aberdeen have won both the matches at Parkhead.

"We've got a good record against Celtic in Glasgow and we'll be determined to keep it up," says the Scottish

international.

"I'm really looking forward to the game. Hampden Park is a lovely surface to play on — one of the best in Britain."

"There's going to be a fantastic atmosphere inside the stadium. Even though it's in Celtic's back yard, we'll be bringing down a lot of supporters from the north of Scotland."

"Glasgow is a long way for our fans to travel but it's the only place that can accommodate the amount of people who want to watch the tie."

"The game is going to be so close that I wouldn't like to put money on the final outcome."

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THE REAL THING!

have been happy to go over to Belgium with a 1-0 scoreline.

"But we got the bonus of scoring right away and that magnificent start set the seal on a tremendous performance."

"The timing was perfect and if we could have scored another before half-time, I think we could have gone on to win even more convincingly."

It took Eric Black just 60 seconds to find the net and his striking partner Mark McGhee added two more in the second half.

Alex was quick to pay tribute to his forwards' tremendous effort and application: "Our strikers did the business where it matters most — in the box. They proved they were hungry for success."

Alex refuses to let his team get carried away with the idea that it's all over, however: "People are already saying that the job is done but that's not the case. It's important not to get carried away."

"We can't afford to be complacent and we must go over there and attack them again — not sit on the lead. We must put them under pressure just as we did at home."

Before next Wednesday's return with Waterschei however, Aberdeen must face Celtic at Hampden in the Semi-Finals of the Scottish FA Cup.

'Match' columnist Gordon Strachan says: "The game

Left: Eric Black — gave Aberdeen the perfect start with a goal after just 60 seconds.



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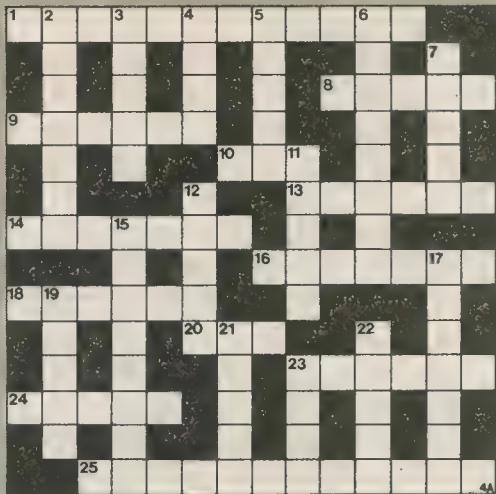
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MYSTERY MAN

CAN you identify this week's mystery personality? He's an England striker who played in World Cup qualifying matches. Look out in next week's issue for the answer.

Last week's 'Mystery Man' was QPR's Tony Currie.

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ST MIRREN hat-trick hero Billy Stark goes into the Cup clash against mighty Rangers desperate to prove himself.

The midfielder still has lingering memories of last season's Scottish Cup Semi-Final against Aberdeen when, he admits: "I froze."

Adds Billy: "Even though I'd played in the Premier Division for six years and considered myself an experienced player, I let the big match nerves get to me. It all seemed to be over before I'd done anything."

Billy, who scored three goals in the last round victory over Airdrie, says: "I've got something to prove. I won't let it happen again."

Last season, little St Mirren held Aberdeen to a 1-1 draw, but were beaten 3-2 in the Semi-Final replay. Billy says: "We treated them with too much respect. We might have done something if we'd had more belief in ourselves."

"For most players — myself included — that was the first taste of a Scottish Cup Semi-Final. We have learned from it and will be better prepared for Rangers."

St Mirren last reached the Final in 1962, but you have to go back to 1959 for their last win in the competition.

"We are underdogs to reach Hampden and that will work in our favour. All the pressure will be on Rangers. It's the only trophy they are left with a chance of winning."

"Rangers' record in the Scottish Cup is phenomenal. They've been in the last seven finals so it shows that they know what the Cup is all about."

"Even though they've been having a tough time in the Premier Division this season, you can never write Rangers off. They are an institution in Scottish football."

Billy believes that the key men in the Rangers side are former skipper Ally Dawson, new striker Sandy Clark and midfielder Jim Bett.

He says: "Ally went through a really lean spell earlier this season but now he's back to his best, and that's a real plus for Rangers. He's proving himself to be a top full-back."

"It's been suggested that Rangers bought Sandy Clark



CAN St Mirren and Aberdeen break Glasgow's stranglehold on the Final? 'Match' brings you the views of three men most likely to hit the headlines . . . and the net.

BILLY MUST PROVE HIMSELF

from West Ham with only the Cup-tie in mind, but I'm sure manager John Greig has more long-term plans for his £150,000 investment.

"I remember him from his Airdrie days. He's a proven goalscorer who's bustling style can upset defenders. I'm sure he'll work well with fellow striker John MacDonald.

"I regard international Jim Bett as Rangers' best player. He controls the midfield and most of the team's play revolves around him," adds 26-year-old Billy.



St Mirren hot-shot Billy Stark — "I've got something to prove against Rangers."

Rangers v St Mirren . . . Parkhead

RANGERS' turbulent season lives or dies against little St Mirren at Parkhead.

The Glasgow giants — so often the whipping boys of the Premier Division — have no hope of glory this season other than in the Scottish Cup.

And they are defending a proud record in the competition. They have reached the Final at Hampden Park for the last seven years.

Striker John MacDonald says: "We are very proud of our record in the Scottish Cup and we are working very hard to keep it up. We've got to — we can't win anything else."

"If we can reach the Final again, it will keep the season alive for us," says John

Rangers are beginning to emerge from a nightmare season and John adds: "At last we are getting our confidence back."

"At one stage this season, the players were scared to try anything different. We let our heads drop after a couple of defeats and things went from bad to worse.

"It was so disappointing

RANGERS' LAST FLING

because we started off well and led the table for a while. Then things went downhill when we suffered injuries to key players."

Rangers have been strengthened by the signing of Sandy Clark and John says: "He's taken a lot of pressure off me up front. Sandy's battling style creates chances for me. I pick up his scraps."

The striker admits that the tie against St Mirren is the draw Rangers wanted but he says: "St Mirren have been playing well in the last few weeks and they won't be easy to beat."

"The players who usually give us problems are Lex Richardson and young midfielder Frank McAvinnie. Lex loves to run at

defences and play neat little one-twos."

"Frank burst on to the scene last season and scored a lot of goals, but he's finding it much harder this term as players get used to his style."

"But he's still a very dangerous man to have in your side because he can turn players and loves to get into the box."

John, who picked up a League Cup losers' medal earlier this season when Rangers were beaten by Celtic, expects the tie to be an exciting game.

He says: "Neither team can afford to sit back and defend. Both will want to settle down quickly and go in search of an early goal."



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Semi-Finals

TREBLE CHANCE FOR CHARLIE

Aberdeen v Celtic . . . Hampden

SCOTLAND 'wonder boy' Charlie Nicholas (above) believes Celtic can achieve the 'Grand Slam' this season.

And he feels certain they'll take a major step towards their hat-trick bid by toppling Scottish Cup holders Aberdeen in this Saturday's Semi-Final showdown at Hampden Park.

Even though Aberdeen have won twice at Parkhead this season and are challenging for the Premier title, the young goalscoring ace is convinced Celtic are the better team.

"We certainly have the ability to complete the hat-trick," he says.

"Aberdeen are a good Cup side and people keep saying they'll win something this season.

"They probably have more experience in depth than ourselves, but on the day we have more ability.

"If we can produce what we are capable of, then Aberdeen won't stop us.

"Of the other three teams in the Cup, Aberdeen were the ones to fear. We've drawn them now, and if we overcome them, then we should have no worries about the Final."

Charlie, who scored one of the goals to help Celtic win the League Cup earlier this season, feels the Hampden Park ground will be to their advantage.

"Aberdeen play a tactical, defensive-type game at Parkhead and that's why they have probably been successful against our non-stop action," he says.

"But we have always done well at their place when there is more onus on them to get forward.

"You can't afford to be too defensive in a one-off game and, on the wide open spaces of Hampden, they'll find it more difficult to pin us down in midfield.

"Midfield is going to be the key area and our hopes will hinge on the form of players like Murdo MacLeod, Tommy Burns and Davie Provan.

"It will be up to them to get forward to create the openings for myself and Frank McGarvey as well as restricting opening up for Gordon Strachan and Neil Simpson to exploit.

"Aberdeen are very strong at the back with three current Scottish internationals on duty. Willie Miller and Alex McLeish are very talented players, but overall I believe we have more ability to win on the day.

"There's still a long way to go in the title race, but this Semi-Final against Aberdeen could be the toughest hurdle in our bid for the hat-trick."



CELTIC

CELTIC

CLYDEBANK (away) 3-0 — McGarvey, Nicholas 2.
DUNFERMLINE (home) 3-0 — McGarvey 2, McCluskey.
HEARTS (home) 4-1 — Nicholas 2, MacLeod, McGarvey.

RANGERS

FALKIRK (away) 2-0 — Kennedy 2.
FORFAR (home) 2-1 — MacDonald 2.
QUEEN'S PARK (away) 2-1 — Dalziel, Cooper.

ST MIRRREN

DUNDEE UNITED (home) 1-0 — Somner.
MORTON (away) 2-0 — McDougall 2.
AIRDRIE (away) 5-0 — Stark 3, McAvennie, Scanlon (pen).

SCOTTISH CUP RECORDS

	Wins	Finals
Celtic	26	40
Rangers	24	37
Aberdeen	3	9
St Mirren	2	5

■ ABERDEEN'S victory in the Scottish Cup last year was the first by a club outside Glasgow for 12 years.

Celtic and Rangers had kept the trophy in the city since 1970 when Aberdeen defeated Celtic 3-1 to win the trophy for only the second time.

In fact, only once in the past 23 years have both Celtic and Rangers been knocked out before the Final. That was in 1968 when Dunfermline defeated Hearts 3-1.

ROUGH JUSTICE

HIBERNIAN star Alan Rough — Scotland's most capped goalkeeper — gives his exclusive verdict on the outcome of the two big clashes.



VERDICT: ABERDEEN 2 CELTIC 3

THE DONS' pursuit of three glittering prizes this season could be their downfall.

A couple of weeks ago I'd have gone for the Scottish Cup holders to beat Celtic, but they've gone off the boil and haven't looked too convincing of late.

Liverpool have paid the same price for their success over the years. Their players get involved in too many matches and the strain takes its toll.

This game would have made a great Final because both teams love to play attacking football and there's no doubt in my mind it's up front where the battle will be won.

Newly-capped Scottish international Charlie Nicholas can do no wrong this season. Celtic rely heavily on him and yet the youngster has never let them down.

Goalscoring seems an effortless occupation to him. He's always in the right place at the right time.

Charlie is supported up front by Frank McGarvey and Davie Provan. Although Scottish international winger Davie has suffered a lean spell, he's the sort who could revel in a big match atmosphere like this one.

Aberdeen also have three potential match-winners up front. Peter Weir, Eric Black and Mark McGhee are all capable of producing a dazzling piece of skill which can turn a game.

VERDICT: RANGERS 2 ST MIRRREN 1

I'M convinced that the first game will end in a draw. There's so little to choose between the two teams.

On current form, St Mirren are playing the better football, but I'm going for Rangers' vast experience in the Scottish Cup to pull them through in the replay.

It's difficult to know what sort of side St Mirren will field because the line-up is always changing and changing, but the Paisley-based club have some very good players on their books.

St Mirren are very underrated. I'm sure that if a few of their players were playing for better-known clubs, they'd be household names in Scottish football.

Rangers enter their eighth Scottish Cup semi-Final in a row, boosted by the arrival from West Ham of striker Sandy Clark. The tie at Parkhead would be an ideal time for him to make his mark.

Success in the Scottish Cup is vital to Rangers. It's the only thing they've got left to win this season and they'll be determined to give their long suffering fans something to cheer about.

Full-back Alan Kennedy scored the equaliser with a well-hit long-range shot.

Cream of the crop... Eire international Ronnie Whelan watches as he beats Gary Bailey with a brilliant strike.

GOLDEN GOALS

LIVERPOOL 2 MAN UTD 1 MILK CUP FINAL

Wembley,
Saturday,
March 26,
1983

THREE goals of individual brilliance provided the cream in a classic Milk Cup Final between the two best teams in England.

Teenage sensation Norman Whiteside shot United into a shock 12th minute lead when he turned Scottish International defender Alan Hansen just inside the box and beat Liverpool

goalkeeper Bruce Grobbelaar with a fierce right foot drive.

But the red machine carried on undaunted and pounded the United defence until it surrendered to Alan Kennedy in the 75th minute. The left-back hit a long range effort which completely deceived Gary Bailey.

Ronnie Whelan — two-goal hero of last year's Final — scored the goal of the match with a superb swerving drive which took the trophy to Anfield once more and gave manager Bob Paisley a winning farewell at Wembley.



THE GRAEME SOUNNESS COLUMN

SORRY, SEAGULLS I TAKE WEDNESDAY TO WIN THROUGH

BRIGHTON'S fans will accuse me of sour grapes, but I've got a sneaking feeling Sheffield Wednesday will be celebrating an FA Cup Final place at Wembley on Saturday afternoon.

I'm not saying that because 'The Seagulls' beat us in the Fifth Round at Anfield. I'd like to see them get there because I've got a few friends at The Goldstone Ground.

But there's something in the back of my mind telling me that my old manager at Middlesbrough, Jack Charlton, will lead his team out at Wembley next month.

As well as 'Big Jack', Wednesday also have David Mills in their camp. I played alongside David at Ayresome Park before he moved to West Brom.

The other Semi-Final between Arsenal and Manchester United really is balanced on a knife edge, but I believe United will eventually go through after a replay, to their second cup final appearance of the season.

Following their Wembley setback in the Milk Cup Final, United will be in need of a boost and the return, after injury, of Bryan Robson could be just what they need.

Many critics have said that if the England skipper had played in the Milk Cup Final, the result might have been different. I don't believe that. No-one could have lived with us the way we played that day.

Arsenal are having a really strange season and their confidence won't have been helped by the 5-0 drubbing at Tottenham in the North London derby game.

David O'Leary limped off during that game and he looks like a doubtful starter for the Semi-Final. Arsenal will really miss him because he's a vital cog in the side.

United have already beaten Arsenal in a semi-final this season, but I wouldn't set too much store by that result. It may only make 'The Gunners' even more determined to win.

On the League scene, I was delighted that Liverpool emerged from the Easter programme with two wins. It left us needing just nine points for

the Championship.

Even though we've got a commanding lead at the top of the table, we're still not taking anything for granted. In this game you've got to be ultra-cautious.

Our first game was against the much-improved Sunderland and it was a case of game number 13 being unlucky for them. They had gone 12 matches without defeat before coming to Anfield.

It was a very difficult game for us and it was only my goal — in the 72nd minute — which made sure of the points. The North East side played a defensive game and made it difficult for us to break them down.

Their goalkeeper Chris Turner had an exceptional match and pulled off a series of magnificent saves. There's no doubt we could have won by more if it hadn't been for him.

The transformation at Sunderland has been quite remarkable. When we played them in December, they looked down and out at the bottom of the First Division. Now they are in a comfortable mid-table position.

Manager Alan Durban has brought in players like Frank Worthington and Leighton James and they've added valuable experience to what is essentially a very young side.

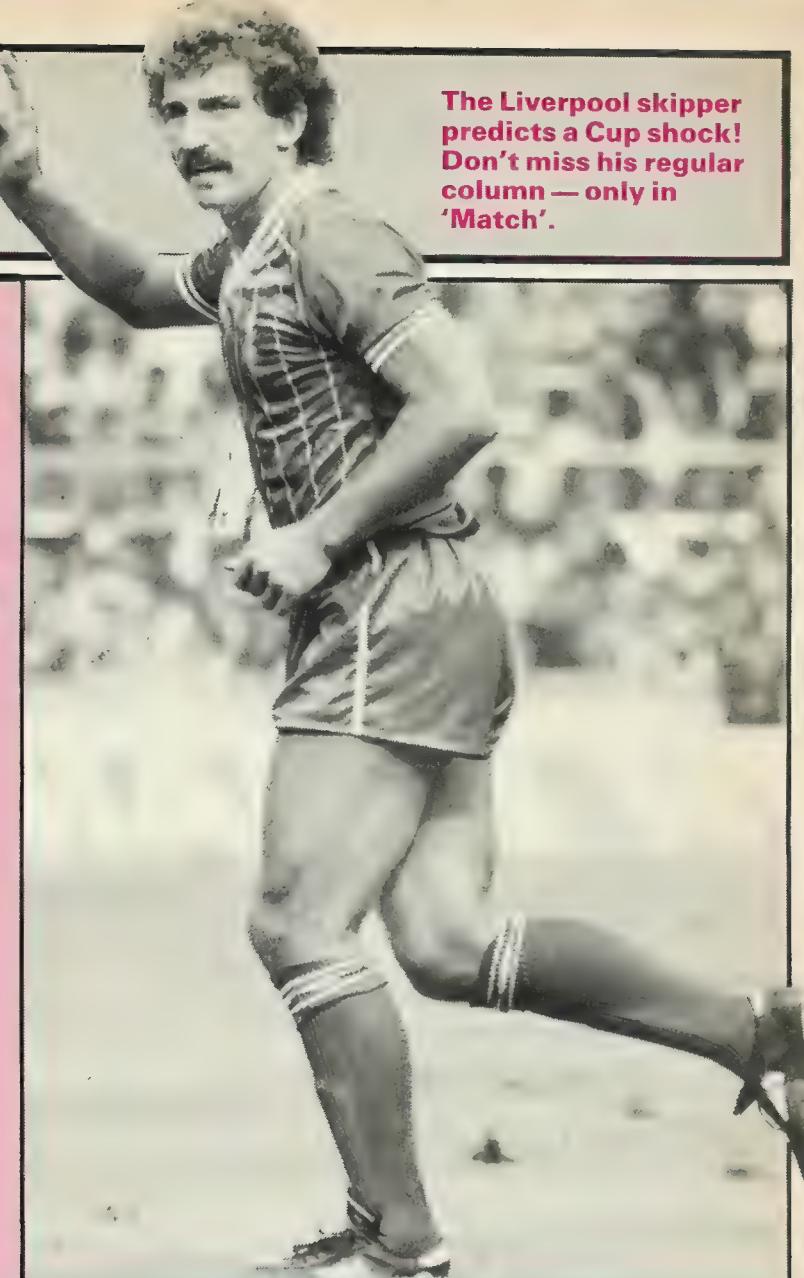
Two days later, we pushed Manchester City closer to the relegation zone with a 4-0 win at Maine Road.

Even though City have been under the cosh in recent weeks, they impressed me in the way they never stopped battling. Some of their players were getting unfair stick from sections of the crowd but they never let it affect them and just kept going.

Indeed, the game could have had a totally different outcome if City had scored just after the interval. They enjoyed a really good spell then and had us pinned back in our own half for nearly 20 minutes.

But at the end of the day, it was our finishing which gave us the points. We were really sharp in front of goal.

My goal against City was my 11th of the season and that's a far cry from a couple of seasons ago when I



The Liverpool skipper predicts a Cup shock! Don't miss his regular column — only in 'Match'.

managed just two. Usually I like to leave the goalscoring to Ian Rush!

The Easter games traditionally have a big bearing on the promotion and relegation issues, but that wasn't the case this time. At the bottom of the First Division it's still between any of about eight clubs.

Just before Easter, I had my first live glimpse of Scottish 'wonder boy' Charlie Nicholas. I played alongside him in the international against Switzerland.

I've got to say that I was very impressed by what I saw. He looks an exceptional player and did very well on his debut. I'm sure he'll be a fixture in the Scottish side for a long time to come.

Charlie showed no signs of nerves and looked sharp both physically and mentally. He reminded me very much of our own Kenny Dalglish.

He had a quiet first half as he found his feet in the international arena but, after the interval, he had an excellent game. I thought his goal was quite superb.

Charlie's future has been a constant source of speculation this season and he's been chased by top clubs both in England and abroad. I can't comment on reports that Liverpool are interested but there's no doubt he'd be an asset for any team.

Another lad making his debut was young Dundee United defender

Richard Gough. His performance and that of Charlie showed that Scotland's future is in capable hands.

The game against Switzerland sounded the death knell for Scotland's European Championship hopes and I now expect Belgium to qualify for the Finals in France.

Once again we gave away two silly goals and made it extremely difficult for ourselves. To go a goal down is like a kick in the teeth and I felt the whole side showed guts and character to come back the way we did.

On Saturday, it's back to First Division action and we're at Southampton in search of another three points in our bid to clinch the title.

Southampton are now mounting a serious challenge for a place in Europe after spending most of the season at the wrong end of the First Division.

Under the guidance of Peter Shilton and former England skipper Mick Mills, the young 'Saints' side must surely take the title of the most improved team in the First Division. I'm hoping we can put a temporary halt to that progress!

● Graeme Sounness was talking to Anthony Hawkswell.

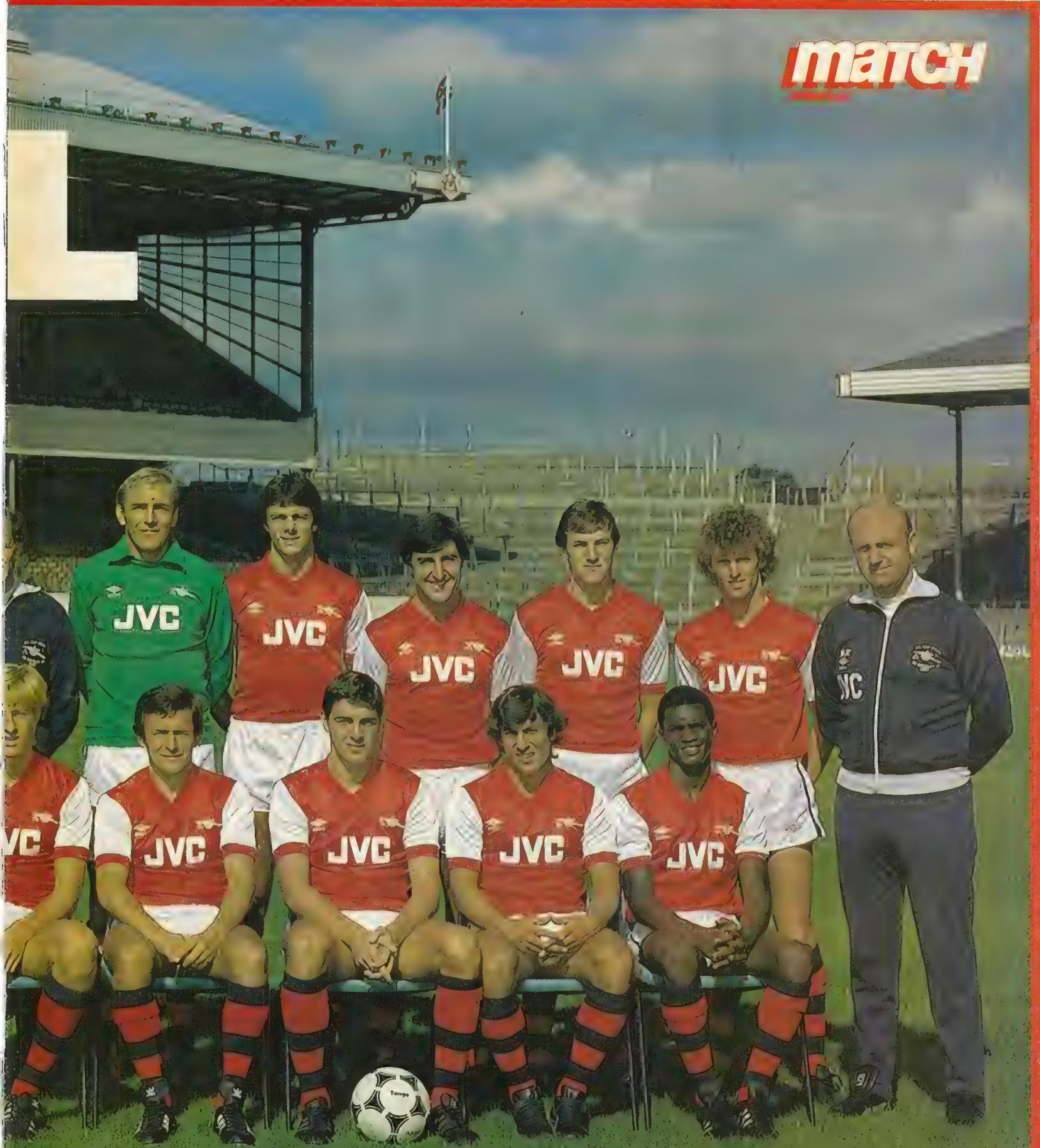
FA CUP '83

ARSENAL



Back row (left to right): Fred Street (Physio), Tony Woodcock, Peter Nicholas, John Hawley, Chris Whyte, Pat Jennings, Terry Neill (manager), George Wood, David O'Leary, Brian Talbot, Stewart Robson, Graham Rix, Don Howe (coach).

match



Front: Alan Sunderland, John Devine, Raphael Meade, Brian McDermott, Lee Chapman, John Hollins,
Paul Vasssen, Kenny Sansom, Paul Davis.

STAR CHALLENGE

MANCHESTER United and Second Division Sheffield Wednesday will be celebrating with champagne on Saturday evening.

Aston Villa's exciting young striker Gary Shaw — this week's special guest on 'Star Challenge' — believes that the two northern teams are Wembley bound for an FA Cup Final date.

United face Arsenal at Gary's home ground, Villa Park, and he says: "After missing out in the Milk Cup Final I can't see Ron Atkinson's men losing. They'll be determined to make up for that disappointment."

"They've also got the psychological advantage of having beaten 'The Gunners' twice in the Milk Cup Semi-Finals," adds Gary, whose team were knocked out of the FA Cup by Arsenal in the last eight.

The former England Under-21 international is hoping that Yorkshire team Wednesday can beat First Division strugglers Brighton.

"My former Villa team-mates Gary Shelton and Pat Heard both play for Wednesday and I'd love to see them get to Wembley."

"Apart from the sentimental view I also believe Jack Charlton's team can win. We played Brighton a few weeks ago and they didn't look a very good side."

On the League front Gary is going for League Champions-elect Liverpool to slip up at the ever improving Southampton.

Here are the ten selected matches for this week, together with the predictions of a lucky 'Match' reader and his famous opponent.

There's space for you to fill in your predictions and a column for the



Aston Villa striker Gary Shaw and his challenger Tina O'Neill (inset).

GARY SHAW IS THIS WEEK'S STAR GUEST

He says: "By the time they play, I expect Liverpool to have clinched the title. The pressure will be off them and 'The Saints' could produce a shock result."

"Southampton have come from nowhere to challenge for a place in Europe. Manager Lawrie McMenemy has thrown in youngsters like Danny Wallace and Ian Baird — and they have produced the goods."

Gary has been challenged by 15-year-old Villa fanatic Tina O'Neill of Dagenham, Essex. Both

have predicted the scorelines of ten matches and points will be awarded according to the accuracy of the forecasts.

If Tina manages to score more than her hero she will be awarded a special 'Star Challenge' certificate.

But win, lose or draw, Tina won't go home empty-handed. She will receive a personally autographed photograph of Gary.

If you would like to take part in 'Star Challenge' all you have to do is write to us, enclosing your name, age and address — together with a black and white photograph of yourself — and most importantly your home telephone number.

And don't forget to tell us your favourite team and player. Write to: 'Star Challenge', Match Weekly, Stirling House, Bretton, Peterborough PE3 8DJ.

Saturday, April 16
FA CUP SEMI-FINAL

Arsenal v Man Utd

Brighton v Sheff Wed

DIVISION ONE

Coventry v Birmingham

Man City v West Ham

Norwich v Sunderland

Notts C v Luton

Southampton v Liverpool

Swansea v Stoke

Spurs v Ipswich

Watford v Nott'm F

DIVISION TWO

Blackburn v C Palace

Cambridge v Shrewsbury

Carlisle v Burnley

Chelsea v Newcastle

Derby v Barnsley

Grimsby v Middlesbrough

Leeds v Fulham

Leicester v Rotherham

Wolves v Bolton

DIVISION THREE

Bradford v Millwall

Brentford v Walsall

Bristol R v Preston

Chesterfield v Exeter

Doncaster v Oxford

Lincoln v Wrexham

Newport v Portsmouth

Orient v Huddersfield

Plymouth v Sheff Utd

Reading v Gillingham

Southend v Bournemouth

Wigan v Cardiff

DIVISION FOUR

Blackpool v Bristol C

Bury v Peterborough

Chester v Northampton

Darlington v Torquay

Hereford v Wimbledon

Mansfield v Tranmere

Port Vale v Aldershot

Rochdale v Stockport

Swindon v Hull

SCOTTISH CUP SEMI-FINAL

Aberdeen v Celtic

Rangers v St Mirren

SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION

Morton v Hibernian

FIRST DIVISION

Airdrie v Raith

Alloa v Ayr

Clyde v St Johnstone

Dumbarton v Hamilton

Dunfermline v Queens Park

Hearts v Clydebank

Partick v Falkirk

SECOND DIVISION

Albion v Meadowbank

Arbroath v Brechin

East Stirlng v Queen of the Sth

Forfar v Cowdenbeath

Montrose v Stenhousemuir

Stirling v East Fife

Stranraer v Berwick

Sunday, April 17 DIVISION TWO

Charlton v Oldham

DIVISION FOUR

Stockport v Torquay

Tuesday, April 19 DIVISION ONE

Aston Villa v West Brom

*Everton v Man Utd

DIVISION TWO

Fulham v Barnsley

*Sheff Wed v QPR

DIVISION THREE

Portsmouth v Walsall

Plymouth v Wigan

DIVISION FOUR

Swindon v Blackpool

Wimbledon v Crewe

York v Hull

Wednesday, April 20 DIVISION ONE

*Norwich v Arsenal

DIVISION TWO

Newcastle v Rotherham

FOOTBALL LEAGUE TROPHY FINAL

Lincoln v Millwall

SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION

*Celtic v Dundee Utd

*Dundee v Rangers

*Kilmarnock v St Mirren

Friday, April 22 DIVISION THREE

Wrexham v Bristol R

DIVISION FOUR

Stockport v Colchester

*Depending on cup replays

Fixtures correct at the time of going to press.

MATCH FACTS MATCH FACTS

Monday, April 4
Division One

ASTON VILLA (0) 1 (Shaw 83)
BIRMINGHAM (0) 0
Att: 40,897
Aston Villa: Spink 6, Williams 6, Gibson 6, Evans 7, McNaughton 7, Mortimer 7, Bremer 6 (sub. Curbishley), **★SHAW 8**, Withe 6, Cowans 6, Walters 6.
Birmingham: Coton 6, Hagan 6, Dennis 6, Stevenson 7, **★BLAKE 8**, Van den Hauwe 7, Gayle 7, Ferguson 5, Harford 5, Halsall 6, Hopkins 6.
Referee: N. Midgley (Salford)
Match Rating: ★★

EVERTON (0) 3 (Sheedy 48, 61, Sharp 79)
STOKE (0) 1 (Thomas 55)
Att: 15,360
Everton: Arnold 7, Richardson 6, Bailey 7, Ratcliffe 6, Higgins 7, McMahon 7, Ainscow 6, Johnson 7, Sharp 7, Heath 8, **★SHEEDY 9**.
Stoke: Fox 6, Bould 5, McAughtrie 5, Bracewell 6, Watson 6, Berry 5, Painter 5, Lennox 5 (sub. Saunders), Griffiths 6, **★THOMAS 8**, Maguire 7.
Referee: A. Saunders (Newcastle)
Match Rating: ★★

MANCHESTER CITY (0) 0
LIVERPOOL (2) 4 (Souness 31, Fairclough 44, 86, Kennedy 83)
Att: 35,647
Man City: **★WILLIAMS 8**, Ranson 6, Power 6, Reid 6, Bond 7, Caton 7, Kinsey 6, Reeves 6, Cross 6, Hartford 7, Baker 5 (sub. May 6).
Liverpool: Grobelaar 5, Neal 6, Kennedy 7, **★LAWRENSON 8**, Whelan 7, Hansen 7, Dalglish 6, Lee 7, Fairclough 5, Johnston 6, Souness 7.
Referee: K. Baker (Rugby)
Match Rating: ★★★

NORWICH (0) 0
IPSWICH (0) 0
Att: 23,474
Norwich: Woods 7, Haylock 7, Downs 6, **★MENDHAM 8**, Walford 7, Watson 7, Channon 7, O'Neill 6, Deegan 7, Bertsch 7, Van Wyk 6 (sub. Barham).
Ipswich: Cooper 7, Burley 7, Gernon 6, **★THIJSEN 8**, Osman 7, Butcher 7, Wark 7, McCull 6, Mariner 7, Kinsella 6, O'Callaghan 6.
Referee: B. Hill (Kettering)
Match Rating: ★★★

NOTTS COUNTY (1) 2 (McCulloch 45, Christie, pen 85)
WEST BROM (1) 1 (Thompson 8)
Att: 8,692
Notts County: Avramovic 6, Benjamin 6, Clarke 7, Goodwin 7, Kilcline 5, Richards 6, Chedzoy 7, Christie 6, McCulloch 7, Lahtinen 6, **★WORTHINGTON 8**.
West Brom: Barron 6, Webb 6, Statham 5, Whitehead 6, **★WILE 8**, Robertson 6, Jol 6, Thompson 7, Eastoe 7, Lewis 6, Cross 7.
Referee: K. Salmon (Barnet)
Match Rating: ★★★

SUNDERLAND (0) 0
MANCHESTER UNITED (0) 0
Att: 31,486
Sunderland: Turner 6, Nicholl 7, Munro 7, Atkins 7, **★CHISHOLM 8**, Proctor 6, Venison 6, Rowell 6, Worthington 6, James 7, Pickering 6 (sub. McCoist).
Man Utd: **★WEALANDS 8**, Duxbury 7, Alston 7, Moses 7, McGrath 7, McQueen 7, Wilkins 6, Muirhead 6, Stapleton 7, Macari 6 (sub. McGarvey 6), Coppell 7.
Referee: J. M. Key (Rotherham)
Match Rating: ★★★

TOTTENHAM (3) 5 (Hughton 10, 18, Falco 13, 53, Brazil 66)
ARSENAL (0) 0
Att: 43,642
Spurs: Clemence 7, Hughton 8, O'Reilly 7, **★ROBERTS 9**, Miller 8, Gibson 8, Mabbutt 7, Archibald 7, Galvin 5, Brazil 7, Falco 7.
Arsenal: Woods 5, Robson 5, Sansom 6, Whyte 5 (sub. Petrovic 5), O'Leary 5, **★NICHOLAS 7**, Talbot 6, Davis 6, Sunderland 5, Woodcock 6, Rix 6.
Referee: A. Robinson (Alton)
Match Rating: ★★★

WATFORD (2) 5 (Blissett 7, pen 48, Jobson 43, Barnes 49, Callaghan 78)
LUTON (2) 2 (Aylott 16, Horton 29)
Att: 20,120
Watford: Sherwood 6, Rice 7, Rostrom 7, **★TAYLOR 9**, Terry 7, Jackett 7, Callaghan 7 (sub. Armstrong), Blissett 8, Barnes 7, Jobson 6, Lohman 8.

PLAYER RATINGS

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|----|-------------------|
| 10 | Out of this world |
| 9 | Outstanding |
| 8 | Excellent |
| 7 | Good |
| 6 | Adequate |
| 5 | Off form |
| 4 | Poor |

MATCH RATINGS

- | | |
|-------|------------------|
| ★★★★★ | A classic |
| ★★★★ | Good value |
| ★★★★ | Satisfactory |
| ★★★ | Dull |
| ★★ | A waste of money |

Luton: Godden 5, Stephens 6, Money 4, Horton 7, Elliott 7, Donaghy 6, **★HILL 8**, Aylott 7, Walsh 6, Antic 5, Moss 4.
Referee: L. C. Shapter (Torquay)
Match Rating: ★★★★
Sending Off: Antic (Luton)

Division Two

BLACKBURN (0) 2 (Garner, pen 59, pen 76)
BURNLEY (0) 1 (Scott 84)
Att: 13,431
Blackburn: Gennoe 6, Branagan 5, Rathbone 5, Randell 5, Mail 6, **★FAZACKERLEY 7**, Miller 5 (sub. Bell 4), Hamilton 5, Lowey 5, Garner 6, Brotherton 6.
Burnley: Stevenson 6, Laws 5, Donachie 5, **★PHELAN 7**, Dobson 6, Flynn 5, Scott 5, Steven 5, Hamilton 4, Taylor 4, Young 5.
Referee: D. Hutchinson (Harrogate)
Match Rating: ★★

CHARLTON (2) 2 (Harris 12, White 26)
CRYSTAL PALACE (1) 1 (Brown 14)
Att: 7,836
Charlton: Johns 6, Gritt 6, Dickinson 7, McAllister 6, McDonald 7, Berry 7, Smith 6, **★HARRIS 8**, Hales 7, White 7, Robinson 6.
Crystal Palace: Fry 7, Locke 6, Murphy 7, Nebbeling 6, Cannon 7, Gilbert 6, **★BROWN 8**, Hughton 6, Langley 6 (sub. Mabbott 6), Giles 7, Hilaire 7.
Referee: B. H. Daniels (Brentwood)
Match Rating: ★★★

CHELSEA (0) 0
QPR (1) 2 (Gregory 39, Sealy 51)
Att: 20,821
Chelsea: Iles 6, Jones 6, Hutchings 6, Lee 5, Droy 6, **★PATES 7**, Filfrey 5, Burnstead 6, Speedie 6, Rhoades-Brown 6 (sub. Mayes), Canoville 6.
QPR: Hucker 6, Neill 6, Dawes 6, Waddock 6, Hazell 6, Fenwick 6, Wicks 7, **★SEALY 8** (sub. Alien), Stainrod 6, Flanagan 7, Gregory 7.

Referee: J. E. Martin (Alton)
Match Rating: ★★★
Sending Off: Filfrey (Chelsea)

DERBY (2) 2 (Wilson 17, Hooks 43)
NEWCASTLE (0) 1 (Waddle 60)
Att: 19,779
Derby: Cherry 7, Barton 6, Buckley 6, Gemmill 7, Powell 7 (sub. Burns 6), Fletcher 7, Broily 6, Davison 6, Wilson 6, **★HOOKS 8**, Mills 7.

Newcastle: Carr 6, Anderson 6, Wharton 6, Martin 6 (sub. McCreery 6), Clarke 6, Varney 5, Keegan 6, McDonald 6, Varadi 6, McDermott 5, **★WADDLE 7**.
Referee: R. Guy (Merseyside)
Match Rating: ★★★★

GRIMSBY (0) 1 (Waters 60)
ROTHERHAM (0) 2 (Arnott 72, McBride 78)
Att: 7,117
Grimsby: Batch 7, Stone 6 (sub. Crombie), Cumming 7, Waters 7, Saxby 5, Moore, K 5, Ford 5, Kilmore 5, Drinkell 6, Bonnyman 6, **★O'DELL 8**.
Rotherham: Mimms 6, McEwan 6, Friar 7, Gow 6, Stancliffe 7, Johnson 7, Arnott 7, **★SEASMAN 8**, Moore 5 (sub. Alexander 6), Mitchell 6, McBride 6.

Referee: G. M. Tyson (Sunderland)
Match Rating: ★★★

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY (0) 0
BARNESLEY (0) 1 (Glavin 84)
Att: 22,427
Sheff Wed: Bolder 7, Williamson 6, Bailey 7, Smith 6, Lyons 7, **★SHELTON 8**, Megson 7, Mills 6, Bannister 6, McCulloch 6 (sub. Pearson 6), Heard 6.

Barnsley: Pierce 7, Joyce 6, Chambers 7, McGuire 7, **★BANKS 8**, McCarthy 7, Law 6, Parker 7 (sub. Glavin), Ronson 6, Cunningham 7, Barrowclough 6.
Referee: M. J. Heath (Stoke)
Match Rating: ★★★

WOLVES (2) 2 (Palmer, pen 12, Eves 17)
SHREWSBURY (1) 2 (Bates 37, 84)
Att: 17,509
Wolves: **★BURRIDGE 8**, Humphrey 7, Palmer 6, Smith 6, Pender 7, Dodd 7, Kellogg 7, Clarke 6, Gray 7, Eves 7, Matthews 6.
Shrewsbury: Ogrizovic 7, Williams 8, Johnson 8, Turner 7, Pearson 7, Stevens 7, Cross 7 (sub. Robinson 8), McLaren 8, Brown 7, Griffin 7, **★BATES 9**.
Referee: D. Richardson (Blackburn)
Match Rating: ★★★

Millwall: Wells 6, Lovell 6, Stride 7, White 7, Nutton 7, Cusack 6, **★STEWART 8**, Neal 7, Bremner 7, Otulakowski 7, Chatterton 7.
Referee: L. M. Robinson (West Midlands)
Match Rating: ★★★★

READING (1) 2 (Hicks 21, White 78)
BOURNEMOUTH (1) 1 (Morgan 23)
Att: 4,424

Reading: Judge 5, Williams 5, Richardson 5, Beaven 5, Hicks 6, White 6, Earles 5, Price 5, Dixon 5, Basin 5 (sub. Barnes 5), **★SANCHEZ 7**.

Bournemouth: Leigh 5, Heffernan 5, Sulley 5, Spackman 6, Brignull 6, Impey 7, Dawtry 6 (sub. Graham), **★BECK 8**, Morgan 7, Lee 6, Nightingale 5.
Referee: B. T. Stevens (Stonehouse)
Match Rating: ★★

WIGAN (0) 3 (Barrow 51, Houghton 76, Cribley 85)
WREXHAM (1) 1 (Muldoon 26)
Att: 3,377

Wigan: Tunks 6, Langley 6, Glenn 6, Barrow 7, Walsh 6, Methven 6, Sheldon 5, **★CRIBBLEY 8**, Lowe 7, Weston 6, Houghton 6, Nightingale 5.

Referee: B. T. Stevens (Stonehouse)
Match Rating: ★★

Wrexham: **★NIEDZWIECKI 8**, King 6, Jones 6, Baker 6 (sub. Emmerson 6), Hill 6, Savage 6, Arkwright 6, Buxton 6, Hunt 7, Muldoon 6, Gregory 6.
Referee: D. Owen (Wirral)
Match Rating: ★★★

Sending Off: Savage (Wrexham)

Division Four

BURY (0) 2 (Madden 79, 81)

YORK (1) 1 (Walwyn 26)

Att: 3,543

Bury: Brown 6, Gardner 6, **★BRECKIN 8**, Gore 5, Bramhall 6, Halliday 7, Cantello 6, Parker 5 (sub. Madden 7), Johnson 7, Jakub 6, Potts 6.

York: Jones 6, Evans 6, Hay 6, Sbragia 6, MacPhail 7, Hood 6, Ford 6, Senior 5 (sub. Busby), Walwyn 7, **★BYRNE 8**, Pollard 6.
Referee: N. J. Ashley (Nantwich)
Match Rating: ★★★

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POR Vale (1) 1 (Armstrong 21)
BRISTOL CITY (1) 1 (Riley 33)
Att: 6,573

Port Vale: Siddall 7, Tarrt 6, Bromage 7, Hunter 7, Ridley 6, Cegielski 7, Fox 7, Steel 5, Newton 6, Lawrence 6 (sub. Earle), **ARMSTRONG** 8.

Bristol City: Shaw 6, Newman 6, Williams, G 6, Nicholls 6, Phillipson-Masters 6, Riley 7, Bray 7, Ritchie 5, **COOPER** 8, Williams, P 6, Crawford 7.
Referee: A. Robinson (Radcliffe)
Match Rating: ★★★

ROCHDALE (0) 0

SCUNTHORPE (0) 1 (Graham 85)

Att: 2,056

Rochdale: Crawford 8, Keenan 7, Carr 7, Farrell 7, McElhinney 8, Williams 7, **THOMPSON**, D 9, Thompson, S 5, Higgins 5, Greenhoff, J 6 (sub. O'Connor), Martinez 6, Scunthorpe: Neenan 7, Keeley 6, Pointon 5, Boxall 6, **BAINES** 8, Hunter 7, Graham 6, Cammack 7, Cowling 7, Lester 7, Leman 6.
Referee: T. Mills (Barnsley)
Match Rating: ★★★

SWINDON (0) 2 (Batty 66, Bailie 73)

ALDERSHOT (0) 0

Att: 3,494

Swindon: **ALLAN** 9, Bailie 6, Baddeley 7, Batty 8, Lewis 6, Graham 6, Baverstock 7, Barnard 5, Rideout 7, Rowland 6, Blackler 6, Aldershot: Johnson 7, Scott 6, Gillard 7, **BRILEY** 8, Whitlock 7, Joplin 6 (sub. Shrubbs), Lucas 6, Sanford 7, Senior 7, McDonald 6, Brodie 6.
Referee: V. G. Callow (Solihull)
Match Rating: ★★

Tuesday, April 5

Division One

COVENTRY (1) 1 (Whitton 2)

NOTTINGHAM FOREST (0) 2 (Wallace 56, Robertson, pen 89)

Att: 9,720

Coventry: Sealey 6, Thomas 6, Roberts 6, Jacobs 6, Dyson 6, Gillespie 6, Whitton 6, Francis 6, Hately 5, Melrose 4, **HUNT** 7, Nott'm Forest: Van Breukelen 6, Anderson 7, Swain 5, Fairclough 6, Young 6, Bowyer 6, Wilson 6 (sub. Walsh 6), Wallace 6, Davenport 7, Hodge 5, **ROBERTSON** 8.
Referee: D. Shaw (Sandbach)
Match Rating: ★★

SOUTHAMPTON (0) 0

BRIGHTON (0) 0

Att: 18,253

Southampton: Shilton 7, Agboola 6, **MILLS** 8, Williams 6, Nicholl 7, Wright 7, Holmes 6, Baird 5 (sub. Puckett), Moran 5, Armstrong 6, Wallace 6.
Brighton: Moseley 6, Ramsey 5, Gatting 6, Grealish 6, **FOSTER** 8, Stevens 8, Case 6, Connor 5, (sub. Ryan), Robinson 6, Smith 5, Smillie 6.
Referee: D. Reeves (Uxbridge)
Match Rating: ★★

SWANSEA (1) 1 (Walsh 2)

WEST HAM (2) 5 (Pike 22, 70, Devonshire 44, Dickens 82, 88)

Att: 13,303

Swansea: Sander 6, Marustik 5, **RICHARDS** 8, Stevenson 6, Lewis 6, Rajkovic 5, Loveridge 7, James 7, Walsh 6 (sub. Gale 6), Stanley 6, Latchford 6.
West Ham: Parkes 7, Stewart 7, Lampard 8, Bonds 7, Martin 7, **DEVONSHIRE** 9, Van der Elst 6, Goddard 8, Orr 6, Dickens 7, Pike 7.
Referee: D. W. Civil (Birmingham)
Match Rating: ★★★★

Division Two

CAMBRIDGE (0) 1 (Christie 80)

FULHAM (0) 0

Att: 6,249

Cambridge: Webster 7, Fisher 6, Murray 7, Turner 7, Fallon 7, Finney 7, Christie 6, **SINTON** 8, Goldsmith 6, Reilly 6, Pyle 6.
Fulham: Peyton 6, Hopkins 6, Lock 6, O'Driscoll 6, Brown 6, Gale 7, Davies 6 (sub. McDermott), Wilson 6, Coney 6, **HOUGHTON** 8, Lewington 6.
Referee: J. Bray (Hinckley)
Match Rating: ★★★★

CARLISLE (3) 5 (Robson, B 1, 79, Bannon 14, Shoulder 31, Craig 89)

BOLTON (0) 0

Att: 5,615

Carlisle: Swinburne 7, Haigh 7 (sub. Craig 7), McCartney 7, **COUGHLIN** 9, Rushbury 8, Houghton 8, Robson, K 8, Robson, B 8, Poskett 7, Bannon 7, Shoulder 8.

Bolton: McDonagh 7, Whitworth 7, Deakin 5, Redfern 5, Berry 5, Doyle 6, Chandler 6 (sub. Joyce 5), Rudge 5, Foster 5, **GRAY** 8, Burrows 6.
Referee: G. Tyson (Sunderland)
Match Rating: ★★★★

LEEDS (0) 0

OLDHAM (0) 0

Att: 18,442

Leeds: Harvey 6, Thomas 6, Gray, F 6, Sheridan 7, **HART** 9, Dickinson 7, Hird 6, Butterworth (sub. Gray, E 7), Ritchie 6, Donnelly 7, Graham 6.
Oldham: Goram 6, Sinclair 6, Ryan 7, Bowden 6, **CLEMENTS** 8, Hoolickin 6 (sub. Anderson 6), Wyke 7, Atkinson 6, McDonough 6, Henry 6, Palmer 7.
Referee: K. P. Barratt (Coventry)
Match Rating: ★★

LEICESTER (0) 1 (O'Neill 86)

MIDDLESBROUGH (0) 0

Att: 12,025

Leicester: Wallington 7, Ramsey 7, Smith, B 6, **MacDONALD** 8, English 6, O'Neill 7, Lynex 6, Lineker 7, Smith, A 7, Daly 7, Wilson 7.
Middlesbrough: **O'HANLON** 8, Nattrass 7, Bolton 7 (sub. Hankin), Baxter 6, Mowbray 7, Otto 6, Sugrue 6, Kennedy 6, Wood 6, Hamilton 7, Bell 6.
Referee: T. Jones (Macclesfield)
Match Rating: ★★★★
Sending Off: Sugrue (Middlesbrough)

Division Three

BRISTOL ROVERS (0) 0

OXFORD (0) 1 (Hebberd 51)

Att: 8,190

Bristol Rovers: Kite 7, Sherwood 5, Williams, B 6, Williams, G 6, Parkin 5, McCaffery 6, Ball 6, Pulus 7, Withey 5 (sub. **STEPHENS** 8), Randall 6, Platnauer 5.
Oxford: Hardwick 7, McIntosh 6, Grant 7, Train 7, **BRIGGS** 8, Shotton 6, Jones 7, Whatmore 7, Vinter 6, Hebbert 7, Brock 6.
Referee: A. Seville (Birmingham)
Match Rating: ★★★★

DONCASTER (0) 2 (Walker 62, Humphries 80)

SHEFFIELD UNITED (0) 0

Att: 8,446

Doncaster: Peacock 7, Allenson 7, Johnson 8, Snodin, 18, **HUMPHRIES** 9, Lister 8, Walker 7, Mell 7, Douglas 7, Mann 8, Liddell 7.
Sheff Utd: Waugh 6, Smith 5 (sub. Towner 5), Charles 6, Henderson 5, West 6, Houston 6, Morris 6, **TRUSSON** 7, Edwards 6, Brazil 6, Curran 5.
Referee: P. Tyldesley (Stockport)
Match Rating: ★★★★

Division Four

HEREFORD (0) 0

TORQUAY (1) 1 (Price, og 30)

Att: 2,533

Hereford: Wilmot 7, Price 7, Bartley 6, **PEJIC** 8, Larkin 7, Maddy 7, Harvey 7, Lane 6, Phillips 6, Carter 7, White 5 (sub. Spirring 6).

Torquay: Horn 7, Jones 7, Holmes 7, Doyle 6, **LIDDLE** 8, James 7, Grapes 6, Carter 6, Cooper 7, Anderson 6, Bishop 6.
Referee: J. C. Deakin (Bedford)
Match Rating: ★★★★

MANSFIELD (1) 2 (Dungworth 35, pen 49)

WIMBLEDON (1) 2 (Bird, og 40, Evans 60)

Att: 3,519

Mansfield: Arnold 7, Woodhead 5, Kearny 6, Matthews 6, Bird 5 (sub. Sindall 5), **AYRE** 8, Bell 5, Hutchinson 6, Dungworth 7, Caldwell 5, Nicholson 5.
Wimbledon: Beasant 6, Peters 6, Sparrow 5, Galliers 6, Morris 7, Hatter 6, **EVANS** 8, Ketteridge 5, Cork 5, Hodges 6, Downes 6.
Referee: D. Scott (Brentford)
Match Rating: ★★★★

SCOTTISH First Division

DUNFERMLINE (0) 0

AIRDRIE (1) 4 (Miller, B 25, Miller, S 47, Coyle 84, McLaugherty 88)

Att: 1,010

Second Division

ALBION (2) 4 (Gallagher 13, 19, Newman 65, Evans 69)

MEADOWBANK (0) 0

Att: 400

Wednesday, April 6

SCOTTISH Premier Division

CELTIC (0) 2 (McGarvey 60, Nicholas 78)

DUNDEE UNITED (0) 0

Att: 34,508

Celtic: Bonner 7, McGrain 7, Reid 6, Aitken 6, MacAdam 6, MacLeod 7, **PROVAN** 8, McStay 6, Nicholas 7, Burns 7, McGarvey 6, Dundee Utd: McAlpine 6, Stark 7, Melpas 6, Gough 7, Hegarty 6, Narey 6, **BANNON** 8, Milne 7, Holt 6, Sturrock 6, Dodds 6.
Referee: C. J. White (Glasgow)
Match Rating: ★★★

ROCHESTER (1) 1 (O'Neill 86)

WREXHAM (3) 3 (Savage 2, Keay 4, Buxton 17)

BRENTFORD (3) 4 (Kamara 1, Cassells 5, 50, Joseph 21)

Att: 2,104

Wrexham: Niedzwiecki 6, King 6, Bater 6, **SAVAGE** 8, Keay 7, Hill 7, Arkwright 7, Buxton 7, Hunt 6, Muldoon 6, Gregory 6 (sub. Edwards 6).
Brentford: Roche 7, Rowe 6, Booker 6, Nicholl 6, Whitehead 7, Hurlock 7, Kamara 7, Joseph 7, **CASSELLS** 8 (sub. Wilkins 6), Bowles 7, Roberts 6.
Referee: K. Hackett (Sheffield)
Match Rating: ★★★★

Division Four

SCUNTHORPE (0) 1 (Cammack, pen 84)

HEREFORD (0) 2 (Lane 70, Hunter, og 87)

Att: 3,775

Scunthorpe: Neenan 7, Keeley 6, Pointon 6, Boxall 6, Baines 6, **HUNTER** 8, Graham 6, Cammack 6, Cowling 6, Lester 6, Leman 6.
Hereford: Wilmot 7, Price 7, Bartley 6, Pejic 6, Larkin 7, Maddy 6, Harvey 6, **LANE** 8, Phillips 6, Carter 6, Spirring 6.
Referee: K. A. Redfern (Whitley Bay)
Match Rating: ★★

STOCKPORT (1) 1 (Power 24)

MANSFIELD (1) 1 (Dungworth 19)

Att: 2,197

Stockport: Lloyd 7, Rutter 6, Sherlock 7, Emerson 7, Sword 7, Thorpe 6, Williams 6, Smith 6, Quinn 7, **POWER** 8, Coyle 6.
Mansfield: Coles 7, Woodhead 6, Kearny 6, Matthews 6, Ayre 7, Calderwood 7, Bell 7, **HUTCHINSON** 8, Dungworth 6, Caldwell 7, Nicholson 6.
Referee: C. Seal (Carlisle)
Match Rating: ★★★

TRANMERE (0) 0

PORT VALE (1) 2 (Newton 41, Fox 90)

Att: 3,251

Tranmere: Adkins 6, Williams, G 6 (sub. Palios 5), Burgess 6, Oliver 6, Hamilton 6, **MUNGALL** 7, Ferguson 5, Aspinall 6, Wellings 6, Brown 5, Griffiths 6.
Port Vale: Siddall 6, Tarrt 6, Bromage 6, Hunter 6, Ridley 6, Cegielski 7, **FOX** 8, Steel 6, Newton 6, Lawrence, M 6, Armstrong 6.
Referee: R. Chadwick (Darwen)
Match Rating: ★★★★

Saturday, April 9

Division One

ARSENAL (2) 2 (Rix 4, Woodcock 37)

COVENTRY (0) 1 (Hateley 81)

Att: 19,152

Arsenal: Wood 6, Robson 6, Sansom 6, Whyte 6, Kay 7, Nicholas 6 (sub. Chapman), Talbot 5, Davis 6, Petrovic 7, Woodcock 7, **RIX** 8.

Coventry: Sealey 6, Thomas 6, Roberts 6, Jacobs 6, Dyson 5, **GILLESPIE** 8, Whitton 5, Francis 6, Hately 7, Melrose 5 (sub. Hendrie 7), Hunt 6.
Referee: A. R. Glasson (Wiltshire)
Match Rating: ★★

BIRMINGHAM (0) 0

NORWICH (2) 4 (Bertschin 24, 57, Deehan 41, 73)

Att: 11,733

Birmingham: Coton 7, Broadhurst 5, Hagan 5, Stevenson 6, Blake 5, Van den Hauw 5, Handysides 4 (sub. Phillips 5), Ferguson 5, Harford 5, Halsall 4, Hopkins 4.
Norwich: Woods 7, Haylock 7, Downs 7, Mendham 7, Walford 7, Watson 7, Barham 8, Channon 7, Deehan 8, **BERTSCHEIN** 9, Bennett 8.
Referee: J. Moules (Ongar)
Match Rating: ★★★

BRIGHTON (0) 1 (Smith, pen 87)

EVERTON (1) 2 (Sheedy 43, 90)

Att: 14,534

Brighton: Moseley 7, Ramsey 5, Gatting 7, Grealish 5, Foster 7, **STEVENS** 8, Case 6, Ryan 6 (sub. Pearce 6), Robinson 5, Smith 5, Smillie 6.
Everton: Arnold 7, Stevens 6, **BAILEY** 8, Ratcliffe 6, Higgins 7, Richardson 7, Ainscow 6, Johnson 6, Sharpe 6, Heath 6, Sheedy 7.
Referee: C. Thomas (Porthcawl)
Match Rating: ★★★

Division Three

PRESTON (0) 1 (Bell 73)

SOUTHEND (1) 1 (Phillips 3)

Att: 6,286

Preston: Hodge 7, Hinnigan 6, McAtee 7, O'Riordan 7, Booth 7, Lodge 6, Sayer 7 (sub. Bruce), Gowling 7, Elliott 6, Naughton 6, **BELL** 8.

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IPSWICH (0) 0
NOTTS COUNTY (0) 0

Att: 15,924
Ipswich: Cooper 6, Burley 5, Barnes 5, Putney 6, Osman 6, Butcher 6, Wark 5, McCall 5, ★MARINER 7, D'Avray 4, O'Callaghan 4 (sub. Kinsella 6).
Notts County: ★AVRAMOVIC 7, Benjamin 5, Hunt 5, Goodwin 6 (sub. McFarland 5), Kilcline 6, Richards 6, Chedzoe 6, Christie 5, McCulloch 5, Lahtinen 5, Worthington 5.
Referee: T. Ward (London)
Match Rating: ★

LIVERPOOL (0) 3 (Rush 57, Lee 73, Fairclough 86)

SWANSEA (0) 0

Att: 30,010
Liverpool: Grobelaar 7, Neal 7, Kennedy 7, Lawrenson 7, Whelan 6, Hansen 6, Dalglish 6, Lee 7, ★RUSH 8, Johnston 6 (sub. Fairclough), Souness 6.
Swansea: ★SANDER 8, Marustik 6, Richards 6, Robinson 5, Rajkovic 6, Lewis 6, Loveridge 6, James 5, Latchford 5, Stanley 5, Pascoe 5 (sub. Charles 5).
Referee: J. Lovatt (Crewe)
Match Rating: ★★

LUTON (1) 2 (Aylott 30, Moss 90)

ASTON VILLA (1) 1 (Shaw 41)

Att: 10,924

Luton: Godden 7, Stephens 8, Money 7, Antic 8, Elliott 7, Donaghy 8, Hill 8, Aylott 7, ★WALSH 9, Turner 6, Moss 7.
Aston Villa: Spink 6, Williams 7, Gibson 7, ★EVANS 9, McNaught 8, Mortimer 8, Brenner 7, Shaw 8, Withe 8, Cowans 7, Walters 7.
Referee: L. Burden (Corfe Mullen)
Match Rating: ★★★★

MANCHESTER UNITED (1) 1 (Robson 44)

SOUTHAMPTON (0) 1 (Foyle 70)

Att: 37,120

Man Utd: Bailey 6, Duxbury 7, Aliston 6, Moses 6, McGrath 6, ★McQUEEN 8, Robson 7, Muhrer 6, Stapleton 6, Whiteside 6, Wilkins 7.
Southampton: Shilton 5, Agboola 6, Mills 7, Williams 6, Nicholl 6, Wright 5, Waldron 5 (sub. Holmes), Foyle 6, Moran 6, Armstrong 7, ★WALLACE 8.
Referee: D. Hutchinson (Harrogate)
Match Rating: ★★

NOTTINGHAM FOREST (2) 2 (Davenport 35, Bowyer 40)

TOTTENHAM (0) 2 (Brazil 55, Mabbutt 64)

Att: 18,265

Nott's Forest: Van Breukelen 6, ★ANDERSON 8, Swain 6, Gunn 7, Young 6, Bowyer 7, Walsh 6, Wallace 6, Davenport 6, Hodge 6, Robertson 7.
Spurs: Clemence 6, ★HUGHTON 8, O'Reilly 7 (sub. Perryman), Roberts 6, Miller 7, Gibson 6, Mabbutt 7, Archibald 6, Galvin 6, Brazil 6, Falco 6.
Referee: R. Guy (Kirby)
Match Rating: ★★★

STOKE (0) 1 (McIlroy 60)

MANCHESTER CITY (0) 0

Att: 15,372

Stoke: Fox 7, Bould 6, Hampton 7, Bracewell 7, Watson 7, McLaughlin 6, Painter 6, ★McILROY 8, Griffiths 6, Thomas 7, Chamberlain, M 6.
Man City: Williams 7, Ranson 7, McDonald 7, Reid 6, Bond 7, ★CATON 8, Kinsey 7, Reeves 6, Cross 7, Hartford 6, Power 7.
Referee: R. Milford (Bristol)
Match Rating: ★★

MATCH WINNERS

MATCH Weekly spot watches go to each of the following ten winners in our March 26 'Spot the Difference' competition.

Paul McCarthy, Newmarket; Ian Magin, Chesterfield; Richard Watson, Downham Market; Kevin Turley, Gloucester; Kevin Studholme, Wallsend; Timothy Gately, St. Albans; Roger Parsons, Highgate Park, London; Janet Robinson, Bingham, Nottingham; Peter Thompson, Bewdley, Worcestershire; and Tony Dennis, Birkenhead.

WEST BROM (0) 1 (Jol 77)

WATFORD (1) 3 (Barres 42, Callaghan 64, Lohman 71)

Att: 11,828

West Brom: Barron 6, Whitehead 5, Cowdrill 5, Zondervan 5, Wile 6, Robertson 5, Jol 6, ★PERRY 8, Eastoe 5, Owen 7, Cross 5.
Watford: Sherwood 7, Rice 7, Rostron 7, Taylor 7, Terry 7, Bolton 7, ★CALLAGHAN 8, Blissett 6, Barnes 7, Jackett 7, Lohman 6.
Referee: T. Jones (Macclesfield)
Match Rating: ★★★

WEST HAM (0) 2 (Dickens 58, Goddard 80)

SUNDERLAND (0) 1 (Pickering 69)

Att: 20,053

West Ham: Parkes 7, Stewart 6, Lampard 7, Bonds 6, Martin 7, Devonshire 7, Van der Elst 7, Gaddard 7, Swindiehurst (sub. Cottie 6), ★DICKENS 8, Pike 6.
Sunderland: ★TURNER 8, Nicholl 6, Munro 6, Elliott 7, Chisholm 6, Proctor 7, Cummins 7 (sub. McCoist 6), Rowell 6, Worthington 6, James 6, Pickering 7.
Referee: H. Taylor (Oadby)
Match Rating: ★★★

Division Two

BARNSLEY (2) 2 (Cunningham 7, Glavin 13)

CAMBRIDGE (0) 3 (Sinton 69, Goldsmith 61, Reilly 68)

Att: 9,934

Barnsley: Pierce 6, Joyce 6, Cross 5 (sub. Parker), ★MC GUIRE 8, Banks 5, McCarthy 6, Law 7, Glavin 7, Ronson 6, Cunningham 6, Barrowclough 6.
Cambridge: Keay 6, Fisher 7, Murray 6, Turner 6, Fallon 6, Finney 8, ★CHRISTIE 9, Sinton 6, Goldsmith 6, Reilly 7, Pyle 7.
Referee: D. Allison (Lancaster)
Match Rating: ★★★★

BOLTON (0) 0

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY (2) 2 (Megson 19, Bannister 45)

Att: 6,408

Bolton: McDonagh 6, Whitworth 6, Deakin 5, Redfern 6, McElhinney 5, ★DOYLE 7, Hazell 7, ★FENWICK 8, Mickiewich 7, Sealy 6, Stainrod 6, Flanagan 5, Gregory 7.
Leicester: Wallington 7, Ramsey 5, Smith 8, McDonald 6, English 7, O'Neill 6, Lynex 6, Lineker 7, ★SMITH, A 8, Daly 5, Wilson 5.
Referee: T. G. B. Gurne (Newbury)
Match Rating: ★★★★

ROtherham (0) 1 (Seasman 58)

WOLVES (1) 1 (Hibbit 7)

Att: 7,286

Rotherham: Mimms 6, McEwan 6, Friar 7, Green 7, Stancilffe 7, ★JOHNSON 8, Arnott 7, Alexander 7 (sub. Moore 5), Seasman 7, Mitchell 6, McBride 6.

Wolves: ★BURRIDGE 8, Humphrey 6, Palmer 7, Smith 6, Pender 7, Dodd 6, Hibbit 7, Kellogg 6 (sub. Richards 6), Gray 7, Eves 6, Matthews 6.

Referee: J. B. Worrall (Warrington)
Match Rating: ★★★

BURNLEY (1) 1 (Steven 5)

LEEDS (1) 2 (Ritchie 21, Scott, eg 80)

Att: 12,149

Burnley: Stevenson 6, Laws 6, Donachie 6, Scott 7, Phelan 6, Dobson 6, ★FLYNN 8, Steven 7, Hamilton 6, Donovan 6, Young 5 (sub. Cassidy).
Leeds: Harvey 6, Thomas 6, Gray 7, Sheridan 6, Hart 7, Dickinson 6, Hird 7, Gray 7, E 7, Ritchie 7, ★DONNELLY 9, Graham 7.
Referee: F. Roberts (Prestatyn)
Match Rating: ★★★★

CRYSTAL PALACE (0) 2 (Rushbury, og 58, Brown 75)

CARLISLE (1) 1 (Shoulder 22)

Att: 5,696

Crystal Palace: Fry 8, Hinshelwood 7, Locke 6, Hughton 6, Cannon 7, Gilbert 7, Giles 6, ★MABBUTT 9, Brown 7, Murphy 7, Hilaire 7.
Carlisle: Swinburne 7, Haigh 7, McCartney 6, ★COUGHLIN 8, Rushbury 6, Houghton 6, Robson, K 7, Robson, B 7, Poskett 6, Bannon 6 (sub. Craig), Shoulder 6.
Referee: A. W. Grey (Great Yarmouth)
Match Rating: ★★★★

FULHAM (0) 2 (Davies 50, Brown 88)

CHARLTON (0) 1 (White 70)

Att: 9,035

Fulham: Peyton 6, Hopkins 5, Lock 7, O'Driscoll 7, Brown 7, Gale 6, Davies 7, Wilson 7, Coney 5, ★HOUGHTON 8, Charlton: Johns 7, Gritt 7, Dickenson 6, McAllister 6, McDonald 6, Berry 5, Smith 7, ★HARRIS 8, Hales 6, White 7, Robinson 7.
Referee: T. E. Spencer (Salisbury)
Match Rating: ★★★★

MIDDLESBROUGH (0) 2 (Kennedy 66, pen 77)

DERBY (2) 3 (Gemmill, pen 22, Davison 43, 88)

Att: 9,078

Middlesbrough: O'Hanlon 7, Nattrass 6, Bolton 6 (sub. Beattie 6), Baxter 5, Mowbray 7, Otto 7, Sugrue 7, ★KENNEDY 8, Wood 6, Shearer 5, Bell 6.
Referee: D. Brazier (Northampton)
Match Rating: ★★★★

Derby: Cherry 7, Barton 6, Buckley 7, Gemmill 7, ★POWELL 8, Futcher 7, Broly 6, Davison 7, Wilson 7, Hooks 6 (sub. McAlle 6), Burns 7.
Referee: T. Mills (Barnsley)
Match Rating: ★★★

NEWCASTLE (2) 3 (Metcalfe, og 23, Varadi 30, Waddle 87)

BLACKBURN (0) 2 (Keeley 86, 88)

Att: 17,788

Newcastle: Carr 7, Anderson 7, Wharton 5, McCreary 6, ★CLARKE 8, Carney 6, Keegan 6, McDonald 6, Varadi 7 (sub. Ferris), McDermott 6, Waddle 7.

Blackburn: Gennoe 7, Branagan 6, Rathbone 7, Randell 7, Mail 6, Fazackerley 7, Bell 7, Hamilton 6 (sub. ★KEELEY 9), Lowry 6, Garner 6, Metcalfe 8.
Referee: A. Challinor (Maltby)
Match Rating: ★★★

OLDHAM (1) 2 (Wyld 31, Ryan 78)

CHELSEA (1) 2 (Fillery, pen 30, 61)

Att: 4,973

Oldham: Goram 6, Sinclair 5 (sub. Hudson 5), Ryan 6, Bowden 6, ★CLEMENTS 7, Anderson 6, Wyld 6, Atkinson 6, McDonough 5, Henry 6, Palmer 5.

Chester: Iles 6, Jones 6, Hutchings 6, Lee 6, Williams 5, Pates 6, ★FILLERY 8, Mayes 7, Speedie 7, Canoville 7, Rhoades-Brown 6.
Referee: L. M. Robinson (Sutton Coldfield)
Match Rating: ★★★

OXFORD (1) 2 (Hebbard 12, 90)

ORIENT (1) 2 (Houchen 34, Kitchen 57)

Att: 4,033

Oxford: Hardwick 6, McIntosh 6, Grant 6, Train 6, Briggs 6, Shotton 6, Jones 6, Whatmore 5, Vinter 5, ★HEBBARD 7, Brock 5 (sub. Barnet 5).

Orient: Day 6, Cornwell 5, Roffey 6, Foster 6, Gray 5, ★MCNEIL 7, Peach 5, Price 5, Houchen 6, Kitchen 6, Godfrey 5.
Referee: D. Letts (Basingstoke)
Match Rating: ★★★

PORTRUSH (0) 0

BRADFORD (1) 1 (McCall 24)

Att: 12,198

Portsmouth: Knight 6, Ellis 6, Sullivan 5 (sub. Morgan), Doyle 6, ★TAIT 8, Aizlewood 7,

Webb 5, Dillon 6, Rafferty 6, Biley 5, Rogers 5, Bradford: Ramsbottom 6, Podd 6, Watson 6, ★CAVENNER 8, Jackson 7, Cherry 7, Gray 6, Black 6, Campbell 5, McCall 6, Chapman 6.
Referee: E. Scales (Ware)
Match Rating: ★★★

SHEFFIELD UNITED (1) 2 (Richardson 13, Trussell 47)

WIGAN (0) 0

Att: 8,918

Sheffield: Waugh 7, Smith 5, Kenworthy 6, Richardson 6, West 6, Houston 7, Towner 7, ★TRUSSON 8, Brazil 6, Charles 5, Morris 7.

Wigan: Tunks 7, Langley 7, Glenn 7, Barrow 6, ★WALSH 8, Methven 6, Sheldon 7, Cribley 6, Lowe 7, Weston 6, Houghton 5 (sub. O'Keefe 7).
Referee: B. L. Newsome (Boseley)
Match Rating: ★★★

WALSALL (2) 5 (Sinnott 29, Mower 38, Summerfield 53, Buckley 68, Shakespeare 86)

BRISTOL ROVERS (0) 0

Att: 4,559

Walsall: Kite 7, Sherwood 7, Williams 8, B 7, Pulis 7, Hughes 7, McCaffery 7, Ball 6 (sub. Barrett 6), Holloway 7, ★STEVENS 8, Randall 7, Platnauer 7.
Referee: P. Tyldesley (Stockport)
Match Rating: ★★★★

Division Three

BOURNEMOUTH (1) 2 (Morgan 7, Beck 72)

CHESTERFIELD (1) 1 (Plummer 5)

Att: 5,227

Bournemouth: Leigh 7, Heffernan 6, Sulley 7, Spackman 7, Brignull 6, Impey 7, Best 6 (sub. Dawtry 6), ★BECK 8, Morgan 7, Lee 6, Nightingale 6.

Chesterfield: Turner 7, Kendal 6, Pollard 7, Kowalski 6, Green 6, Bellamy 7, Plummer 6, ★OWEN 8, Gooding 8 (sub. Partridge 6), Ross 6, Windridge 7.

Referee: S. G. Bates (Bristol)
Match Rating: ★★★

CARDIFF (2) 3 (Tong 8, 75, Gibbons 16)

DONCASTER (0) 0

Att: 5,456

Cardiff: Steele 7, Jones 7, Muller 7, ★TONG 9, Dwyer 8, Bennett 6, Lewis 6 (sub. Bodin 6), Gibbons 7, Hatton 7, Hemmerman 6, Micallef 7.

Doncaster: ★PEACOCK 8, Allinson 7, Johnson 7, Snodin 16, Humphries 7, Lister 6, Walker 5, Mell 6 (sub. Liddell 6), Douglas 5, Snodin, G 5, Robertson 6.
Referee: E. A. Crickmore (Plymouth)
Match Rating: ★★★★

GILLINGHAM (2) 2 (Weatherly 14, Bruce pen 42)

NEWPORT (0) 0

Att: 4,265

Gillingham: Hillyard 7, Sharpe 7, Adams 7, Bruce 7 (sub. Horrix), Shaw 7, ★TYDEMAN 8, Johnson 7, Bowman 7, Weatherly 7, Mehmet 7, Casciaro 7.

Newport: Kendall 7, ★JONES 8, Relish 6, Boyle 6, Oakes 7, Stroud 6, Lowndes 7, Aldridge 6, Tyran 6, Vaughan 6 (sub. Bailey 6), Elsey 6.
Referee: D. Brazier (Northampton)
Match Rating: ★★★★

HUDDERSFIELD (0) 2 (Hanvey 60, Brown, pen 72)

PLYMOUTH (0) 0

Att: 9,277

Huddersfield: Cox 7, Brown 7, ★BARKER 8, Stanton 7, Sutton 7 (sub. Pugh 7), Hanvey 7, Lillis 6, Doyle 7, Russell 6, Wilson 7, Cowling 7.

Plymouth: Crudgington 7, Nisbet 7, Uzzell 7, Harrison 7, Ham 7, Cooper 6, ★HODGES 8, Phillips 6, Sims 6, Staniforth 6, Rogers 7.
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MILLWALL (1) 2 (Stewart 13, Neal 63)

LINCOLN (1) 1 (Hobson 32)

Att: 3,760

Millwall: Wells 7, Lovell 7, Stride 6, White 6, Nutton 6 (sub. Madden 6), Cusack 6, Bremner 7, Neal 8, ★STEWART 9, Otulakowski 6, Martin 6.

Lincoln: Feigate 5, Simonette 6, Neale 7, Cockerill 6, Peake 7, Brazier 6, Turner 6, Moss 7, ★HOBSON 8, Burke 6, Shipley 7.

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'I MAY RETURN' SAYS FLYAWAY DUTCHMAN

FRANS Thijssen waved goodbye to English football and then revealed: "I could be coming back."

The talented Dutch midfielder played his last game for Ipswich in the Easter Monday clash with Norwich before taking up a fresh challenge with Vancouver Whitecaps.

And looking back on his successful stay in England, Frans told 'Match': "The last four years have been the best of my career and I may decide to return to this country in the future.

"The English Football League is probably the best in the world and it has helped me improve my game considerably over the last few years.

"I'm very sad to be leaving Ipswich, but the offer I got from Vancouver was one I couldn't really refuse," says Frans, who has signed a contract which will keep him at the Canadian club until October, 1984.

Clubs throughout the world have shown interest in the Dutch international, who became a free agent when his contract with Ipswich expired.

But after weeks of deliberation, it was the lucrative

offer from Vancouver which lured Frans away from English football.

The 31-year-old explains: "At this stage of my career I had to think about my future and my family, and the Vancouver offer gave me more security."

But it was a deal which almost fell through. "I had a meeting with the club a few weeks ago but could not come to a satisfactory arrangement and I thought the move was off.

"However, a couple of days later they contacted me again and offered me new terms which I decided to accept."

Second Division Chelsea were one of the English clubs in the hunt for Frans. "But I turned them down because I had already agreed to join Vancouver," he says.

"I also had offers from a

number of European clubs. One minute it seemed I would be going to Belgium, and then back to Holland, but in the end I plumped for Canada.

"It seems a very nice country and at least we won't have to worry about learning a different language."

Frans joined Ipswich in February, 1979, and has enjoyed a successful spell with the Suffolk club.

Under former manager Bobby Robson, Ipswich were consistently challenging for the First Division Championship.

And in 1981 they won the UEFA Cup by beating the Dutch side AZ 67 Alkmaar over two legs. "That was probably the highlight of my career," recalls Frans.

"I scored in both games and the goal I got in the second leg in Amsterdam gave me particular

pleasure."

The same year, Frans received the Sports Writers' Player of the Year award and he says: "That was a great honour for me and one I will cherish for the rest of my career.

"It was nice to know that my efforts were appreciated and it was a marvellous moment receiving the trophy.

"The decision to leave Ipswich and English football was a difficult one, but I felt I needed a new challenge and playing in Canada will be a great experience."

Frans' farewell game was not a memorable one — the match finishing 0-0 — but Frans will remember it for a different reason.

"The players formed a guard of honour as I left the field and the fans gave me a great ovation," he recalls.

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Andy McCulloch at home

SHEFFIELD Wednesday's Andy McCulloch has been getting away from the pressures of the FA Cup at his home deep in rural Derbyshire. He's just taken up riding and is seen on a neighbour's horse, Rutherford. His other hobbies include playing the piano and relaxing with his wife Sally Ann, daughter Kirsty and family pets Gemma and Whisky. Pictures: Phil Bagnall.





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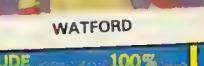
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STAR GALLERY

"I've drawn Aston Villa's Des Bremner (left) because he's a great player and should be in the Scotland squad," says S. Thomson of Yardley, Birmingham.

David Gannon of Camberwell, London has drawn Nottingham Forest's Garry Birtles "because he has so much talent."



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Allan Moon of Roby, Liverpool has drawn Derby stalwart Archie Gemmill (right) because: "He has been a key man for each of his clubs."



"Manchester City's Kevin Bond (left) is one of the best defenders in the country," according to Darren Coopsey of Bloxwich, Walsall.



TERRACE TALK

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WELCOME to the best read letters page in football . . . with unique prizes for every reader who gets his or her letter published!

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Plus we will be giving a prize of £10 for what we consider to be the star letter of the week and, of course, the sender will also receive a 'Terrace Talk' badge.

So get those letters coming in NOW and you could be the envy of your friends.

Write to: Michael Weavers, 'Terrace Talk' Editor, Match Weekly, Stirling House, Bretton, Peterborough PE3 8DJ.

I READ in 'Terrace Talk' that a German boy suggested 'Match' should include more information on European soccer. I totally agree with him. I would love to see league tables and information about the major European leagues in 'Match', and so would many other fans. Ronan O'Doherty, Co. Tyrone, Northern Ireland.

• YOU'RE quite right. There has been overwhelming support for European league tables and details and 'Match' is happy to oblige. Starting this week, you'll find the information you want—as up-to-date as we can make it—in 'International Hotline' on Page 12.

I'VE never been a great fan of Malcolm Allison, but the comments he made after his Middlesbrough side's 6-1 thrashing at Queen's Park Rangers earned my respect.

Despite the scoreline, Mal said that the artificial pitch at Loftus Road was one of the best things to happen to football.

As a QPR fan, I've become used to the moaning of visiting managers who blame the pitch at QPR for their team's defeat. Full marks to 'Big Mal' for being man enough to accept the pitch and even recommend it as the playing surface of the future. David Crouch (16), Wombourne, Wolverhampton.



Sunderland 'keeper Chris Turner — fully deserved his Match Weekly 'Matchman of the Month' award, says Chris Wilks.

IT was great to see Sunderland 'keeper Chris Turner pick up a 'Matchman of the Month' award recently.

It was about time a Sunderland player won it because they are such a good team. And Chris has been playing out of his skin lately. He's a much better 'keeper than Gary Bailey. Christopher Wilks (10), Ferryhill, Co. Durham.

HOW can clubs splash out millions of pounds on players when most of their grounds are like city dumps?

It's wrong of the football powers to blame television for falling gates when the real reasons for the decline are the standard of many grounds and rocketing entrance fees.

It may pay British clubs to copy some American ideas. Soccer Stateside is skilful and very entertaining and spectators are treated very well.

The use of the video screen play-back would be a good innovation. It would end many arguments on the pitch. So, British clubs, look over the Atlantic to bring the crowds back.

Neil Boughey, Halesowen, West Midlands.

• BUT American football is having a tougher time than we are . . .

IN your article on fastest debut goals, 'Match' missed out Brendan O'Callaghan of Stoke. 'Big Bren' made a sensational debut for Stoke when he scored after less than ten seconds of coming on as substitute against Hull on March 8, 1978.

Stuart Smith, Uttoxeter, Staffs.

• INDEED he did. But for the purposes of our table, the players had to be in the starting line-up. Substitute appearances did not count.

EVERYONE is concerned about falling attendances this season, and part of the blame should fall on the shoulders of the Football League fixture compilers.

I watch Fulham regularly and, almost every time they are at home, so are Chelsea. This happens to other London neighbours as well. Can't the League be more careful with London club fixtures?

Lawrence Pearce, Storrington, West Sussex.

I'VE been very pleased to see 'Match' feature teams in the lower divisions. Lincoln, Port Vale, Hull, Huddersfield and Portsmouth have all been the subject of two-page spreads and Mansfield, Halifax and Scunthorpe team groups have appeared recently.

But what about Wimbledon? The South London club is riding high in the Fourth Division, so let's give the 'Dons' a look-in.

Stephen Sparrow, Worcester Park, Surrey.

BEFORE the start of this season, the soccer critics were writing off Kenny Dalglish and saying that his international career was over. Well, they can choke on their words!

It's Kenny's silky skills and positive attitude that help make Liverpool the best team in the land. And he made a superb international comeback by scoring two world class goals against Belgium.

Kenny is having his best ever season and was rightly judged the Professional Footballers' 'Player of the Year'. Keep up the good work, Kenny.

Paul Wilkin (13), Milton, Cambridge.

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CRAZY CORNERS

THE old 'one-two' as far as many referees are concerned is to award a corner and, when it is taken, blow immediately for an infringement against the attackers.

With so many players crammed in the penalty area, there is bound to be some contact. But defenders are seldom punished by the award of a penalty even though they offend as much as the attackers.

So many free-kicks given against attackers at corners frustrate spectators, denying them goalmouth spectacle which, after all, is why they are there.

P. J. Warren, Cheltenham, Glos.



Liverpool's Alan Kennedy — time he won a full England cap, says Lynton Sharrack.

I THINK it's time Liverpool's Alan Kennedy won a full England cap.

Although Kenny Sansom is a fine left-back, I think Kennedy is a better all-round player and is extremely consistent. He scored a great equaliser for Liverpool in the Milk Cup Final against Manchester United.

I think Kennedy could easily slot into England's defence and would prove a valuable asset.

Lynton Sharrack (13), Aigburth, Liverpool.

I'M writing to praise the Arsenal players. They may have had an indifferent League season, but they still manage to be cheerful towards their fans. Arsenal players always find time for the supporters, unlike some teams.

If only more players were like Lee Chapman, Kenny Sansom and Stewart Robson, who patiently stand and sign autographs, pose for photos with their fans and send signed pictures without hesitation, then there would be more contented fans and fewer conceited footballers.

Denise Fair, Maidenhead, Berks.

'MATCH' is fantastic. Since I had my name published in 'Pen Pals', I've struck up many friendships with soccer fans. Keep up the good work!

Donna Gillespie, Belfast, Northern Ireland.

ARE we now on the brink of surrendering permanently the greatest prize in European football following the eclipse of Aston Villa and Liverpool in this season's European Cup?

English clubs have reigned supreme in Europe for six years and it comes as a shock to see both our representatives knocked out at the Quarter-Final stage.

Perhaps the exit of Villa was somewhat predictable after their home leg defeat by star-studded Juventus, but Liverpool — who have so often justified their title as the masters of the two-leg tie — inexplicably failed to overturn a 2-0 deficit in the Anfield leg against Widzew Lodz.

So after this year's European calamity, where do we go from here?

Richard Fletcher (16), Colchester, Essex.

• THE European Cup has merely been loaned overseas. Expect it back next season.

I'M a great admirer of 'Match' and recommend it to all my friends in Holland.

I envy British football fans. They enjoy the best soccer in the world, week in week out. The Football League boasts 92 professional clubs which consistently turn out a high standard of soccer. Not even the West German Bundesliga can match that.

And England's national team appears to be on the verge of great things with so many talented youngsters breaking into the side.

British fans should be proud of their game. The rest of the world envies you . . .

Harry Meijer, Almelo, Holland.

I TOTALLY agree with Lance Dyer of South Africa, who said in 'Terrace Talk' that we should be proud of British soccer and support our teams in all weathers.

I'm an Everton fan and, whatever the weather is like, I go to Goodison Park regularly. I think more supporters should get out on the terraces and take an active part in backing their club.

If a person in South Africa can take a positive interest in our League, why can't we? Well done Lance Dyer.

Carl Quayle (12), Garston, Liverpool.

AS a great admirer of George Best, I'm delighted to see him back in Football League action with Bournemouth. I'm sure he'll prove a great asset to the Hampshire club.

I watched George play last month in a fund-raising game for Nuneaton Borough against Coventry and George was very impressive, making darting runs and laying off accurate first-time passes. He set up Nuneaton's first goal and slotted a penalty in a 2-1 win.

George's contribution spurred Nuneaton to their best performance of the season. I'm sure he will have a similar effect on Bournemouth.

Craig Foster, Coventry.

HERE'S my football 'top ten':

- 1 Up Where We Belong — Liverpool (of course!).
 - 2 Too Much, Too Young — Gary Mabbutt.
 - 3 That's Entertainment — Stoke 4, Luton 4.
 - 4 (I Come From a Land) Down Under — Craig Johnston.
 - 5 Embarrassment — Liverpool 1, Brighton 2.
 - 6 Promised You a Miracle — Jimmy Melia.
 - 7 Another One Bites The Dust — Burnley's Cup exploits.
 - 8 Get The Balance Right — John Benson at Man. City.
 - 9 Can't Stand Losing You — Bobby Ferguson to Arnold Muhren.
 - 10 Substitute — Lou Macari.
- Craig Stevens (14), Warminster, Wiltshire.*



Gary Mabbutt of Spurs — he's in Craig Stevens' soccer top ten.

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"I THOUGHT I'd give Scottish fans a laugh by showing you a cutting from our local sports paper," says 15-year-old Adrian Hill of Birmingham. "It looks as though we will have new Scottish Premier Division champions this year . . ."

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WHEN you've got more than 13,000 programmes, it can't be the easiest job in the world to pick out two favourites.

But for avid Peterborough United follower Peter Lane, it's a simple task.

They're by no means the most rare or valuable ones in his extensive collection.

In fact, taken at face value, they appear to be just two ordinary programmes plucked from his 2,000 plus Peterborough collection.

One is a home match against Lincoln in 1976-77, and the other an FA Cup clash with Gillingham.

But they have considerable sentimental significance to Peter because they both feature his wife, Sandra.

Around the time of the Lincoln visit, Sandra had been crowned the new "Miss Posh" and she was pictured in that programme with two players of that era, David Llewellyn and Jeff Lee.

And in the FA Cup-tie against Gillingham, it was Sandra who was on hand to present the match ball in the centre of the London Road pitch.

In fact, the Fourth Division club's ground has become virtually a second home to Peter for the past 21 years.

Since he made his first visit in 1952, he has missed only a handful of senior matches and he has every Peterborough programme from that season and many more from 1946, when he was born.

He even collects reserve and youth team matches, and in the Cambridge United team in 1957-58 was former England and Middlesbrough forward Wilf Mannion.

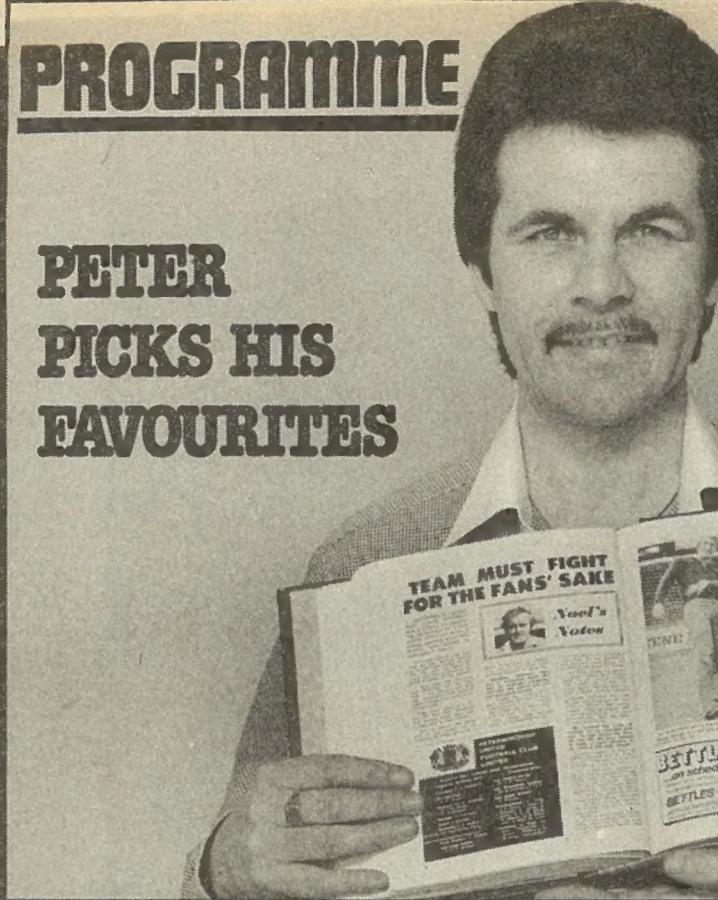
But, while Peterborough are his pride and joy, he collects any type of football programmes.

He has most of England's Wembley matches since the last War and several programmes in his collection have been personally autographed.

A notable one is the 1971 European Championship clash between Scotland and Belgium which was signed by Kenny Dalglish, who was making his

PETER PICKS HIS FAVOURITES

Peter with his favourite Peterborough programme that shows a picture of his wife, who was a former 'Miss Posh'.



MEMORY LANE!

international debut that night.

The late Italian star Gigi Peronace signed the 1970 Anglo-Italian Cup Final programme featuring Napoli and Swindon and Peter has testimonial brochures signed by such famous names as Denis Law, Ted Drake, the late Jimmy Dickinson, Norman Hunter and England boss Bobby Robson.

Peter has all the FA Cup Finals since 1948 and most of the League Cup Finals, plus a majority of the FA Cup Semi-Finals since 1949.

And he also possesses hundreds of European

competition programmes from 1955.

The rarest programme in his collection is the 1931 FA Cup Final between Birmingham and West Brom, which is now worth in the region of £60.

"I was actually given that programme by a man from Birmingham through appearing in my works magazine," he explains.

"And the 1950 FA Cup Final between Arsenal and Liverpool is another favourite among the Finals because that was given to me by my late grandfather."

His collection of Charity Shield

games go back 17 years, and he even has the very first Amateur Cup Final played at Wembley between Bromley and Romford in 1949.

"Other rare and some quite valuable programmes include the last Manchester United League match before the Munich air crash, against Arsenal, and the first one after it against Nottingham Forest," says Peter.

But if 13,000 programmes aren't enough, he's also collected thousands of football annuals and books, just for good measure.

Ask the expert

JASON Canovas, of Wallasey, Cheshire, has the 1966 Everton v Sheffield Wednesday FA Cup Final programme autographed by the legendary Everton and England striker Dixie Dean.

Apparently Dixie was at the Final along with seven other members of Everton's 1933 FA Cup-winning team.

But the autographs, while appealing to Everton fans, won't add much to the value of the programme. Our expert explains that the autographs would have been more valuable had they been on the 1933 FA Cup Final programme.

The 1966 Final programme is worth around £3.75 and probably another 50p could be added for the autographs.

■ TWO Wolves programmes from the 1950s are the subject of a valuation inquiry from Jason Bate, of Stafford.

One features the match against Real Madrid in 1957 and the other against Luton in 1959. The programmes are only worth around 75p and 50p.

■ MICHAEL Green, of York, asked us to value three programmes, two of them featuring Leeds United.

Their 1965 FA Cup Final clash with Liverpool is worth £5, while the Fairs Cup Semi-Final tie with Real Zaragoza is selling at £1.50. The 1964 European Cup clash between Rangers and Rapid Vienna, is valued at £1.25.

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MATCHMAN OF THE MONTH

IAN Rush has done it again!

Liverpool's ace striker is Match Weekly's First Division 'Matchman of the Month' for March.

And this accolade comes less than three weeks after he received the PFA's 'Young Player of the Year' award.

With another Milk Cup winners' medal to boot, it's been quite a trophy-hugging time for the Welsh international.

But it was a tight-run race for the honour with his Anfield team-mate Sammy Lee and Sunderland's top scorer Gary Rowell both finishing on the same mark of 7.75.

However, Ian's two star ratings in the 3-0 defeat of West Ham and the 2-2 draw at Brighton, were just sufficient to earn him the award with Sammy and Gary managing just one star rating each.

Little Sammy is once again in tremendous form for Liverpool, culminating in his promotion to the full England team this season.

Meanwhile, Gary Rowell has been in outstanding goalscoring form for Sunderland, who have pulled away from the relegation zone with a sequence of good results.

He scored four goals in three of his team's matches during March, which included the winners against Everton and Stoke and a point-saver against Swansea.

Everton's talented midfield player Steve McMahon marked his comeback from injury with three impressive performances that earned him an average mark of 7.66 from three matches.

Then came a cluster of players on 7.50, including Norwich's Dave Bennett, who has made an eye-catching return from injury, and West Brom's veteran defender John Wile, who is taking over as player-manager of Fourth Division Peterborough next season.



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Ian Rush (Liverpool)	4	7.75
Sammy Lee (Liverpool)	4	7.75
Gary Rowell (Sunderland)	4	7.75
Steve McMahon (Everton)	3	7.66
Dave Bennett (Norwich)	4	7.50
John Wile (West Brom)	4	7.50
Mark Chamberlain (Stoke)	6	7.50
Kenny Dalglish (Liverpool)	4	7.50
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Alan Birch (Barnsley)	4	7.50
Gerry Daly (Leicester)	4	7.50
Kevin Keegan (Newcastle)	4	7.50
Paul Jones (Bolton)	4	7.50

DIVISION THREE

Nick Marker (Exeter)	3	7.66
Ian Stewart (Millwall)	3	7.66
Keith Oakes (Newport)	3	7.66
Keith Waugh (Sheff. Utd)	7	7.57
Kevin Dawtry (Bournemouth)	4	7.50
David Cowling (Huddersfield)	6	7.50
Gary Bennett (Cardiff)	5	7.40
Alan Knight (Portsmouth)	5	7.40
Steve Phillips (Southend)	5	7.40

DIVISION FOUR

Les Hunter (Scunthorpe)	5	7.80
Keith Walwyn (York)	6	7.66
Mick Gynn (Peterborough)	5	7.60
Mark Robinson (Hartlepool)	5	7.40
Geoff Hunter (Port Vale)	5	7.40

SCOTTISH PREMIER

Lex Richardson (St Mirren)	3	7.66
Billy Thomson (St Mirren)	4	7.25
Cammy Fraser (Dundee)	5	7.20

Left — Liverpool's Ian Rush — the First Division's award winner.

RUSH TO THE TOP

■ LIKE good wine, former Scotland captain Archie Gemmill seems to be maturing with age.

The wee Derby dynamo is the Second Division award winner after playing a leading role in the relegation-threatened club's improved form last month.

He was their star man in four of their five unbeaten games which saw them collect four draws and a crucial away victory at Bolton.

He finished with an average rating of 8.20 and that put him just clear of Burnley's Mike Phelan, who averaged 8.00 from his three outings.

Fulham's Ray Houghton, regarded as the best free transfer signing of the season, and Newcastle defender Jeff Clarke shared third place on 7.75 from four games.

■ YOUNG Exeter defender Nick Marker is the Third Division winner following three impressive performances for the West Country club last month.

But it was a close-run thing with Nick, who is in his first season as a professional, just pipping Millwall loanee Ian Stewart and Newport defender Keith Oakes.

All three had an average rating of 7.66 from three matches, but Nick took the honours with one nine star rating in three full games.

Northern Ireland international Ian, the goalscoring hero against West Germany earlier this season, had the same marks but his first game following his loan spell from QPR, was as a substitute.

In fourth place was

Sheffield United goalkeeper Keith Waugh, who averaged 7.57 from seven outings.

■ TWO former Chesterfield colleagues finished in the top two positions in Division Four, with Scunthorpe defender Les Hunter edging out York striker Keith Walwyn.

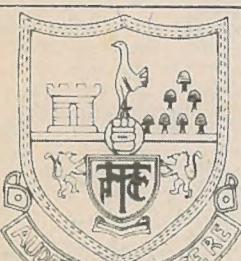
Les averaged 7.80 in five matches for Allan Clarke's new club, while Keith, York's top scorer, was on 7.66 from six games.

Then came former winner Mick Gynn, the Peterborough mid-field player, who finished ahead of another Hunter, Port Vale's Geoff, and Hartlepool's Mark Robinson.

■ ST MIRREN, bidding for a place in the Scottish Cup Final this weekend, dominated the Scottish Premier Division awards.

Lex Richardson finished well clear of team-mate Billy Thomson, the goalkeeper who is bidding to win back his place in the Scotland team.

Billy was St Mirren's star man twice in three games during last month to finish with an average of 7.66, leaving Billy well in his wake on 7.25.



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By DAVE SMITH

AS Richard Gough reflected on his Scottish international debut, his thoughts went back to the time he almost quit the game.

It was less than two years ago that the 21-year-old full-back walked out on First Division Dundee United and vowed never to return.

"I was homesick and went back to my family in South Africa," recalls Richard, who had left home only a year before to fulfil a lifetime's ambition of playing professional football.

"I was very young and found it difficult to settle down in Scotland and one Christmas I became very lonely and decided to pack my bags.

"I planned to get a job in South Africa and had no intentions of returning to Scotland."

But after about six weeks of hard thinking and listening to advice from his Scottish father, Richard made up his mind to try again with United.

"I kept thinking about what might have happened to me had I stayed in Scotland and decided to give it another go... and I'm glad I did," says Richard, who made his international debut against Switzerland.

"It was a marvellous feeling walking out at Hampden Park and I thoroughly enjoyed the experience."

Richard, who was born in Sweden, admits that his call-up to the international squad took him somewhat by surprise.

"I had played for the Under-21 side before but didn't think I would make the full squad so soon... it came right out of the blue," he says.

"I was very pleased with my own performance and manager Jock Stein said afterwards that he was also happy with the way I played.

"I wasn't really nervous because I have played in some big European games for Dundee United over the last couple of seasons and that helped me a great deal."



Richard Gough — the new Scottish cap who almost quit the game.

GREAT SCOT!

NEW CAP GOUGH ALMOST QUIT

Scotland's European Championship hopes took a battering very early in the game when the Swiss took a shock two-goal lead.

And although the home side pulled the score back to 2-2 with goals from John Wark and debut boy Charlie Nicholas, a draw may not be good enough to maintain a serious challenge in the group.

Says Richard: "It was very disappointing because, on the whole, I thought we were the better side and deserved to win."

Now the young right-back's concern is to help his club win the Scottish Premier Division title for the first time.

"It's going to be a very close thing and, at the end of the day, I don't think there will be much to choose between ourselves, Celtic and Aberdeen," he says.

"We have to play Celtic twice on the run-in and, if we can pick up points there, we will be in with a chance."

"Confidence is very high at the club at the moment and the good run we had in the UEFA Cup helped us no end."

United were beaten by Bohemians Prague in the Quarter-Finals of the competition. "When we held them to a

one-goal lead in the first leg, I thought we were in with a good chance at Tannadice, but it wasn't meant to be," he says.

"That was a big disappointment for me, but my call-up to the Scotland squad helped make up for it. And if United can win the League, it will be forgotten.

"It was a great honour to win my first cap at such an early age and hopefully there will be more to come. Having made the breakthrough it's up to me to work hard and establish myself as a regular member of the squad."

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